The Peculiar Puzzles of Professor Fibbernacho



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BLACKLINE MASTERS

Puzzle One: Game, Set, Math

SETS

Exercises:

1. Write which **set** these numbers belong to:

a. 1, 2, 5, 6, 12, 100

The set of _____.

b. -2, 78, 12, 0

The set of _____ .

c. 2/3, 2/9, 12, 5/4, 1 1/2

The set of ______.

d. 7.8, 97.567, 13.5, 0.9

The set of ______.

e. 1/2, 2/4, 4/15, 14/19

The set of ______.

2. Can a number be in two sets at once? Look at the first two sets in the exercises you have just done. Is there a number common to both?

Advanced:

1. Write which **set** these numbers belong to:

a. -3, 0, 5, -12

The set of _____ .

b. 1/3, 9.6, 21, 3/5

The set of ______ .

c. 0.87, -65, 0, 3/7

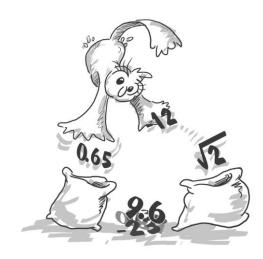
The set of _____ .

d. $\sqrt{2}$, π , 0

The set of _____ .

e. $-\sqrt{2}$, $-\pi$, 100.001

The set of ______.



Puzzle One: Game, Set, Math

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c. oaatnRil	
d. aelR	
•	the letters of the key (remainuptot) around, you get the word "permutation". To decode rmute (which means swap) the letters in each word around.
hTree saw Inoy no	e nam ni danElng woh doucl cepidher arMy, uneeQ fo cotS's doec,
dan hatt wsa unee	Q azthebEil's rsceetyar. fl eh dha eben elabnu ot kreab het coed,
yrMa dowul evah n	oge erfe.
Decode the secret mess	sage here:



Puzzle Two: Top That

TOPOLOGY

Exercises:

- 1. How many sides, corners and faces do these shapes have?
 - a. a tetrahedron
 - b. an octahedron
 - c. a square based pyramid

A tetrahedron has An octahedron has A square based pyran	sides,	corners and	faces.	_faces.	
2. If you had a long, th ring. You could cut do		•		•	 •

3. If you had another long, thin strip of paper and you put a single twist in it before joining the ends together, you would have a ring with a twist. If you cut down the centre line of this twisted ring, would you get two thinner rings with a twist? Try it and see.

Advanced:

- 1. The ring with a twist that you have made is called a Mobius strip. When you cut it down its centre line, you should have ended up with one long, narrow loop with some twists in it. How many twists do you have? What would happen if you took this loop and cut it down its centre line? Try it. What do you find?
- 2. When you make a ring with no twists, you can colour the outside using one colour, and the inside using another colour. This seems obvious enough. Now make another Mobuis strip. Colour one side of the Mobius strip. What do you find?

Puzzle Two: Top That

Decode the secret message here:

Can you see what C + F - E = 2 means now?

Still enthusiastic? Keep decoding!

Decode the secret message here:
Want some more challenges? Keep going!
111_1/1111_1/1/1
.1111.11111111
! ! !!!!!_!.!
111.11.1
Decode the secret message here:

A **polygon** is a **two** dimensional shape whose edges are made up of straight lines. Some examples are a square, a triangle and a hexagon. A circle is not a polygon. Does the formula C + F - E = 2 work for polygons?

A **polyhedron** is a **three** dimensional shape whose faces are made up of polygons. These can be all the same shape, or different shapes, as long as they are all polygons. A sphere is not a polyhedron. Does the formula C + F - E = 2 work for a sphere? Can you find any other three dimensional shapes where this formula will not work?

Puzzle Three: Fe Fi Fo Fum

SEQUENCES



Exercises:

Find the next three numbers in the sequences below. What is the pattern in each?

Advanced:

1. Find the next three numbers in the sequences below. What is the pattern in each?

2. What is the pattern in this sequence of numbers?

0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 0, 1, 2, 3, ...

Pattern: _____



Puzzle Three: Fe Fi Fo Fum

Try doing this with the numbers in the Fibonacci sequence. Do it with a larger pair of numbers each time. What do you find?

Ymj wj	hyfslqjx f	wj hfqqji	Itqijs v	wjhyfslqjx.	Ymjd	mfaj	qjslym	tsj,	fsi
bniym	umn. Um	n nx fs r	nwwfyr	ntsfq szrgj	W.				

Decode the secret message here:
In case you want more information:
Ymj rfymjrfynhnfs Kngtsfhhn bfx fqnaj ns ymj ymnwyjjsym
hjsyzwd, gzy ymj szrgjw umn mfx gjjs fwtzsi xnshj ymj knkym
hjsyzwd GH, bmjs ny bfx zxji gd ymj fshnjsy Lwjjpx ns
ymjnw ijxnls tk ymj Ufwymjsts ns Fymjsx
Decode the secret message here:

Puzzle Four: Primate Helpers

PRIME NUMBERS



Exercises:

1. Use the Sieve of Eratosthenes to find the prime numbers between one and one hundred.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100

Remember, first cross off all the numbers divisible by 2 (except for 2) then cross off all the numbers divisible by 3 (except for 3) then cross off all the numbers divisible by 5 (except for 5) then cross off all the numbers divisible by 7 (except for 7). You can use a calculator if you need to. Do you need to cross off the numbers divisible by 11? Try it and see.

2.	Vrite the prime numbers between 1 and 100 here.					
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3. How many prime numbers did you find? You should have found 25 prime numbers.

Advanced:

To find the prime numbers from 1 to 50 we only had to check if the numbers were divisible by 2, 3, 5 or 7. So the highest number to divide by is 7. To find the prime numbers from 1 to 100, what is the highest number we had to divide by?

Can you find the next prime number after 97?

Puzzle Four: Primate Helpers

The <i>ninth</i> prime number is: The <i>sixth</i> prime number is:
That means the <i>key</i> is:
Write out the alphabet underneath this one, starting with the letter that corresponds to the key that you have just worked out.
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
Dro Scrkxqy lyxo gkc pyexn sx Kpbsmk. Sd sc yfob dgoxdi
psfo dryeckxn iokbc yvn.
Write the secret message here:
Here is some extra information, for all you super sleuth fast finishers!
Cywo zoyzvo cki sd sc dro yvnocd dklvo yp zbswo xewlobc.
Ydrobc cki sd sc k mkvoxnob. Grkd ny iye drsxu?
Write the secret message here:

This bone is the second oldest mathematical object that has been found. Can you find out what the oldest is? On the bone, there are three columns of numbers. Two of the columns both add to sixty. What do you think the importance of the number sixty is?

Puzzle Five: Shaking Hands

PRIME FACTORIZATION

Exercises:

a. 24				
b. 33				
c 15				

d. 16



Advanced:

1. Find the **prime factorization** of the following numbers:

a. 32		
b. 57		
40		
d. 64		



P	uzzle	Five:	Sha	king	H	lands

Next to each letter of the alphabet, write the **double digit number** which corresponds to each letter. It will look like this: A = 00, B = 01, ..., Y = 24, Z = 25.

141304 / 150417181413 / 180700100418 / 131414130418 / 07001303. /

192214 / 150414151104 / 12001004 / 141304 / 070013031807001004. /

1907170404 / 150414151104 / 12001004 / 1907170404 /

07001303180700100418.

Decode the secret message here:



Keep decoding to help you work out the pattern!

Try this with one, two and three people.

05142017 / 150414151104 / 12001004 / 180823 / 07001303180700100418. /

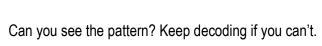
05082104 / 150414151104 / 12001004 / 190413 / 07001303180700100418. /

180823 / 150414151104 / 12001004 / 05080519040413 /

07001303180700100418.

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Try this with four, five and six people.





190704 / 132012010417 / 1405 / 07001303180700100418 / 0818 / 25041714, / 141304, / 1907170404, / 180823, / 190413, / 05080519040413, / 001303 / 1814 / 1413. / 0813 / 19070818 / 1804162004130204 / 241420 / 001704 / 000303081306 / 141304, / 19070413 / 192214, / 1907170404, / 05142017, / 05082104 001303 / 1814 / 1413.

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The numbers that you have found are known as Triangular numbers. Do you know why?

Can you work out how many handshakes seven people would have?



Puzzle Six: Tower Of Hanoi

NUMBER PATTERNS

Exercises:

Look at the two sequences of numbers below.



1, 3, 6, 10, 15, 21, 28,

1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, ...

The first sequence comprises **triangular** numbers and the second sequence comprises **square** numbers. You can make **triangular** numbers from counting the number of dots in a triangle, and **square** numbers from counting the number of dots in a square.

The two columns below show the square and triangular numbers using dots. Fill in the rest of the columns using the number of dots written in the column. Does this help you see the square and triangular numbers?

Squares:	Triangles:
1 .	1 .
4	3 .
9	6
16	10
25	15

Now add two consecutive (in a row) triangular numbers together. Do you get a square number? Do you think this always happens? See if you can draw a picture to show this.

Advanced:

What do you think **pentagonal numbers** are? Draw some pictures to help you.

Puzzle Síx:	Tower Of	Hanoi

A =	F =	K =	P =	U =	Z =
B =	G =	L =	Q =	V =	
C =	H =	M =	R =	W =	
D =	l =	N =	S =	X =	
E =	J =	O =	T =	Y =	

Next to each letter of the alphabet, write the **double digit number** which corresponds to each letter. It will look like this: A = 00, B = 01, ..., Y = 24, Z = 25.

1413040714 1415170416 2008170418 1413041214 2104192214
0714141518 1704162008 1704190717 0404121421 0418

Decode the secret message here:

Have you found the pattern? If not, keep decoding.

1907170404 0714141518 1704162008 1704180421 0413121421 0418051420 1707141415 1817041620 0817040508 0519040413 1214210418

ecode the secret message here.						

Can you see the pattern in the number of moves yet? If not, keep decoding!

 1413041907
 1704041804
 2104130508
 0519040413
 1907081818

 0416200413
 0204081812
 0003040124
 0314200111
 0813061907

 0415170421
 0814201813
 2012010417
 0013030003
 0308130614

 1304

Decode the secret message here:						

How many moves would five hoops need?



Puzzle Seven: Hotel California

INFINITY

Exercises:

- 1. For each of the even numbers below, find two **odd prime numbers** that add together to give these numbers.
- a. 10 = ____ + ___
- b. 12 = ___ + ___
- c. 14 = ___ + ___
- d. 16 = ____ + ___
- e. 18 = ___ +
- f. 20 = ___ + ___



2. Goldbach believed that this pattern continued forever. This would mean that if we counted all the way up to infinity, all the even numbers could be written as the sum of two odd prime numbers. Do you think that he was correct? How would you find out?

Advanced:

Look at the pairs of prime numbers below:

3 and 5 5 and 7 11 and 13 1,000,037 and 1,000,039

These are known as **twin primes**. Can you see why? Let us have a look.

$$5-3=2$$
 $7-5=2$
 $13-11=2$
 $1,000,039-1,000,037=2$



Twin primes are prime numbers that differ by **two**.

- 1. Look back through the list of prime numbers that you found using the sieve of Eratosthenes. Write down some more twin primes.
- 2. Mathematicians do not know if there are an infinite number of these twin prime numbers. They know there are lots of them, but do these pairs continue occurring forever? They have been working on this problem for many hundreds of years. What do you think?

Puzzle Seven: Hotel California

What is the *difference* between these two numbers? ____.

What is the first pair of *twin primes*? ____ and ____.

This is your key! This means that $A = 00 + key = ____.$ Fill in the double digits that correspond to the alphabet below. K = U = **Z** = A = B = G =L= Q =C = H = M = R = D = I = N = S = E = J = 0 = 14162306 / 0623061900161506 / 2217 / 161506 / 19161614 / 21090615 / 19161614 / 161506 / 1020 / 2017021906. Decode the secret message here: Fill in the details below to show what happens to the movement of the guests in the first few rooms when you do what is suggested in the code. This gives you the pattern, which you can then use to see what happens to all of the guests in the hotel: Using this pattern, which guest gets room 100? Which guest gets room 10000? Which guest gets room infinity? Want an extra challenge? Read on.

The professor decided to hold a party at the hotel, and called the receptionist to ask her how many guests he could invite. She told him he could invite as many people as he wished to, as they had enough rooms for an infinite number of new guests, even though their hotel was full. How is this possible? On the back of an old envelope the professor had scribbled:

$$\infty + \infty = ?$$

How can we add infinity to infinity? And what might the answer be? Think about this before you decode the answer.

06020409 / 0822062021 / 1020 / 1416230605 / 10152116 / 02 / 19161614 / 21090221 / 1020 / 2124100406 / 210906 / 152214030619 / 1607 / 2109061019 / 1619100810150213 / 19161614. / 21091020 / 130602230620 / 021313 / 210906 / 160505 / 1916161420 / 07190606. / 2109061906 / 1020 / 0215 / 1015071015102106 / 152214030619 / 1607 / 160505 / 15221403061920.

ecode the secret message here:					

Fill in the details below to show the movement of the guests in the first few rooms, using the information in the message you have just decoded.

1	\rightarrow	
2	\rightarrow	
3	\rightarrow	
4	\rightarrow	

Which guest gets room 10?

Which guest gets room 11?

Which guest gets room infinity?



Puzzle Fight: This Sentence Is False

BINARY NUMBERS

Exercises:

Work out the binary numbers from 1 to 10, and put them in the table below. Some have been done for you.

Sixteens 2 ⁴ =2x2x2x2	Eights 2 ³ =2x2x2	Fours 2 ² =2x2	Twos 2 ¹ =2	Units 2 ⁰ =1
0	0	0	0	1
0	0	0	1	0
0	0	0	1	1
0	0	1	0	0
0	1	0	1	0

1 = 00001

2 = 00010

3 = 00011

4 = 00100

5 =

6 =

7 =

8 =

9 = 10 = 01010



Can you see any patterns? Look down each column and see what you notice.

What do you notice about the numbers 3 and 7 in the binary system?



Advanced:

If the decimal system uses ten digits, and the binary system uses two digits (0 and 1) how many digits do you think the **ternary** system uses?

It uses **three** (0, 1, and 2). The columns in our table for the ternary system would be: units, threes, nines, twenty sevens and so on.

The first three numbers are in the table below, using the ternary system. Try to find the next few numbers in the ternary system.

Twenty-sevens 3 ³ =3x3x3	Nines 3 ² =3x3	Threes 3 ¹ =3	Units 3 ⁰ =1
0	0	0	1
0	0	0	2
0	0	1	0

1 = 0001

2 = 0002

3 = 0010

4 =

5 =

6 =

7 =

8 =

9 =



What do you notice about the numbers 2 and 8 in the ternary system?



Puzzle Fight: This Sentence Is False

Decimal	Sixteens:	Eights: 2 ³ =2x2x2	Fours: 2 ² =2x2	Twos: 2 ¹ =2	Units: 2 ⁰ =1
Number	$2^4 = 2x2x2x2$				
0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	1
2	0	0	0	1	0
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					
11					
12					
13					
14					
15					
16					
17					
18					
19					
20					
21					
22					
23					
24					
25	1	1	0	0	1

We can now represent each letter of the alphabet with the binary numbers we have just worked out. Finish the list below and you will have the cipher that you need to decode the secret message!

A = 00000	N =
B = 00001	O =
C = 00010	P =
D = 00011	Q =
E = 00100	R =
F =	S =
G =	T =
H =	U =
=	V =
J =	W =
K =	X =
L =	Y =
M =	Z = 11001



00000 / 01111 00000 10001 00000 00011 01110 10111 / 01000 10010 / 00000 / 10010 10011 00000 10011 00100 01100 00100 01101 10011 / 01110 10001 / 10011 01110 10001 11000 / 10011 00111 00000 10011 / 00010 01110 01101 10011 10001 00000 00011 01000 00010 10011 10010 / 01000 10011 10010 00100 01011 00101 / 10011 00111 00100 / 10010 10011 01110 10001 11000 / 01110 00101 / 10011 00111 00100 / 00001 00000 10001 00001 00001 00001 00001 00001 00000 10001 00000 00011 01110 10111.

Decode the secret message here:				



10011 00111 00100 / 10010 10011 00000 10011 00100 01100 00100 01101 10011 10011 "01000 / 00000 01011 10110 00000 11000 10010 / 01011 01000 00100" / 01000 10010 / 00000 01011 10010 01110 / 00000 / 01111 00000 10001 00000 00011 01110 10111, / 00001 00100 00010 00000 10100 10010 00100 / 01000 10011 / 00010 01110 01101 10011 10001 00000 00011 01000 00010 10011 10010 / 01000 10011 10010 00100 01011 00101 / 01000 10011 / 01000 10011 / 01000 10011 / 01000 01101 / 01000 01101 / 01000 01101 / 01000 01101 / 01000 01101 / 01000 01101 / 01000 01101 / 01000 01101 / 01000 01101 / 01000 01101 / 01000 00100 / 00101 / 00001 00100 / 00101 / 00001 00100 / 00101 / 00001 00100 / 00101 / 00001 00100 / 00101 / 00001 00100 / 00101 / 00001 00100 / 00101 / 00000 01011 / 00100 00100 / 00101 / 00000 01011 / 00100 00100 / 00101 / 00000 01011 / 00100 00100 / 00101 / 00000 01011 / 00100 00100 / 00101 / 00000 01011 / 00100 00100 / 00101 / 00000 01011 / 00100 00100 / 00101 / 00000 01011 / 00100 00100 / 00101 / 00000 01011 / 00100 00100 / 00100 / 00101 / 00000 01011 / 00100 00100 / 00100 / 00101 / 00000 01011 / 00100 00100 / 00100 / 00101 / 00000 01011 / 00100 00100 / 00100 / 00101 / 00000 01011 / 00100 00100 / 0

Decode the secret message here:				



Puzzle Nine: Three Triangles

HAILSTONE PROBLEM

Exercises:

Try the Hailstone problem starting with the number 24. Remember, if the number is even we halve it, and if it is odd we multiply it by three and add one. You can use a calculator if you need to.

24 is	so we get
is	so we get



Did you get 4, 2, 1, ..?

Advanced:

Try the Hailstone problem starting with the number 7.



Puzzle Nine: Three Triangles

Decode the secret message here:					

Try it. Do you think this is true?

$$2 = 1 + 1$$

3 = 1 + 1 + 1 (or just 3, because it is a number in the sequence.)

$$4 = 3 + 1$$

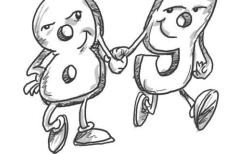
6 = 6 (because it is a number in the sequence.)

$$7 = _ + _ also 7 = 3 + 3 + 1$$

Keep going. How far can you go?



Try these numbers as well:



Are you finding any patterns?

For an extra challenge, decode the following information.

 0011000000
 1010010010
 1001010110
 0000010010
 0000010101

 0010010001
 1100000010
 0101100100
 1010100100
 1000101100

 0000001101
 0000001101
 0001100001
 001000010
 0000001100

 0010001010
 0110101110
 1011000101
 0010001110
 0010101100

 0000010011
 0011100100
 0110000000
 1001101000
 0001010010

Decode the secret message here:				



Puzzle Ten: The Bridges Of Konigsberg

CLOCK ARITHMETIC

Exercises:

Using a 12 clock, find the answers to these calculations:

- a. 5 + 9 =
- b. 6 + 7 =
- c. 9 + 14 =
- d. 13 9 =
- e. 14 + 11 + 8 =



Advanced:

Now do the same calculations but use a 6 clock. What do you notice? Can you see why this is?

- a. 5 + 9 =
- b.6 + 7 =
- c. 9 + 14 =
- d. 13 9 =
- e. 14 + 11 + 8 =



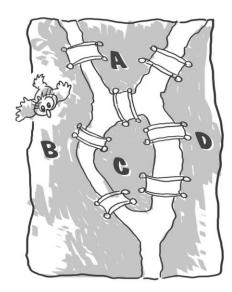
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Decode the secret message here:				
01101110000111010100	10010001000010010110	0011111000?		
01101000110111001101	01011110000111001101	0001000100.0001000000		
00001100010100000011	00110001001001001110	01101000100010000000		
01011001001001101110	00010100010111010010	10010000000101101011		
01000100110100010010	01000011000111101110	10010100100100000001		

For an extra challenge, you can work out how we know this is true. To help you, it is useful to represent the bridges using dots and lines, where the dots represent the land and the lines represent the bridges connecting the land. You will have four dots, for the four separate sections of land. How many lines will you have? Draw the four dots and label them A B C and D, as below.

A.

B. C. D.



Now decode the following for more instructions.

Decode the secret message here:				

When you do this you should have seven lines on your diagram, one for each bridge.

Now count the number of lines coming off each dot.

A:	
B:	
C:	
D٠	



Now imagine each dot is like a door. You have to go in, then come out again. This means you need two lines coming from each dot. One is for in, the other is for out. You could also have four lines, or six lines, and so on. As long as there is an **even number** of lines coming from the dot, you can enter and exit the area. Do any of the dots above have an even number of lines?



If you want to get back to the dot you started on, **all** the dots must have an even number of lines coming from them. If you start at a different dot from the one you finish on, then two of the dots can have an odd number of lines, one dot being the starting dot, the other dot being the end dot.

Is this the case with the Seven Bridges of Konigsberg?

Can you add or remove some bridges so that you can follow the path like the people of Konigsberg wanted to do?

A.

B. C. D.

