

# Mental Exercise

## *Puzzling about Language*

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### What am I?

You will find me in nothing  
 You will find me in everything  
 I am the beginning of happiness  
 And the end of wrath  
 Without me all shame would be the same.

### Spacey Sentence

Add or remove spaces from this sentence to make sense of it:  
 Is aboard room take overcount downunder way?

### Famous Scramble

Consider the letters:

sing no thaw

You can rearrange the letters to spell the name of a famous person.

Washington

Can you find seven more famous (one infamous) people, one in each box?

relith
won ten
looser vet
rose scat
peon loan
girl bend
no side

### Think-Do-Ku

Each row, column and 3x3 square contains the letters of "THINKCLUB" exactly once. Can you fill in all of the missing letters?

	K			C			L	
C			I	N			U	T
	T		U					
B		L	C	K	U	T	I	
I								L
	C	T	L	I	N	K		H
					H		N	
K	I			B	C			U
	B			U			T	

### Truth Through Punctuation

Add the correct punctuation to the following, to make it both grammatically correct *and* truthful:

There are twelve letters in this sentence

### Special Sentence

There is something quite out of the ordinary going on with the following sentence, what is it?

I do not know where family doctors acquired illegibly perplexing handwriting, nevertheless extraordinary pharmaceutical intellectuality counterbalancing indecipherability transcendentalizes intercommunications incomprehensibleness.

### Puzzling Quotes

Match each person on the left with the quote on the right.

Abraham Lincoln	Man is still the most extraordinary computer of all.
Dr. Suess	Imagination is more important than knowledge."
Albert Einstein	How many legs does a dog have if you call the tail a leg? Four. Calling a tail a leg doesn't make it a leg.
Sigmund Freud	Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind.
John F. Kennedy	Analogies, it is true, decide nothing, but they can make one feel more at home.

### Tri-Bond

What common thing unites each of these three:

1. Waxing Gibbous
2. Waxing Crescent
3. Waning Gibbous

### Word Math

Substitute each letter with a digit and make the following summation come out correctly:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{COUPLE} \\
 + \text{COUPLE} \\
 \hline
 \text{QUARTET}
 \end{array}$$

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### What am I?

the letter 'h'

### Spacey Sentence

Is a boardroom takeover countdown underway?

### Famous Scramble

relith	Hitler
won ten	Newton
looser vet	Roosevelt
rose scat	Socrates
peon loan	Napoleon
girl bend	Lindberg
no side	Edison

### Think-Do-Ku

H	K	U	B	C	T	N	L	I
C	L	B	I	N	K	H	U	T
N	T	I	U	H	L	B	K	C
B	H	L	C	K	U	T	I	N
I	N	K	H	T	B	U	C	L
U	C	T	L	I	N	K	B	H
T	U	C	K	L	H	I	N	B
K	I	N	T	B	C	L	H	U
L	B	H	N	U	I	C	T	K

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Add the correct punctuation to the following, to make it both grammatically correct *and* truthful:  
[there are twelve letters in this sentence](#)

### Special Sentence

Each word of the sentence has one more letter than the previous word.

### Puzzling Quotes

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### Tri-Bond

All relate to phases of the Moon.

### Word Math

$$\begin{array}{r} 653924 \\ + 653924 \\ \hline 1307848 \end{array}$$

## Wake Up America

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The local taxpayers did not have to hire German-speaking translators to teach him in school (as is done in my school district). He was named John, not Johanne. His older brother was called Charles, not Carl and the youngest Fred, not Gothfred. Diversity was non-existent in his home as the family readily forsook their German culture for the American culture of their adopted country.

Why do so many of today's Americans believe we must kowtow to the assorted cultures and languages of immigrants? A diverse society is a complex, expensive and often antagonistic society. I do not advocate that immigrants from other lands cast aside their cultures. I heartily endorse their enjoyment of homeland traditions, but we should urge and teach them American ways. They did come here to be Americans. I welcome all legal immigrants to America, but I expect them to adopt our American culture and traditions and our English language.

The Nazis are castigated for killing six million Jews – and rightly so. Their actions were despicable. Meanwhile, as reported by Dennis Prager, a renowned, respected radio talk host and syndicated columnist (who is Jewish), more than 100 million people were killed by communists in China, the former Soviet Union and Cambodia. These killings are rarely mentioned, although many times worse than the killings by that dastardly Adolf Hitler. Why do many Americans give communists a free pass?

I will close with a quotation of Alan Keyes, a black, Catholic conservative who ran for president in 2000 and lost the Senate race in Illinois to President Barack Obama: "Obama is a radical communist, and I think it is becoming clear. That is what I told people in Illinois and now everybody realizes it's true. He is going to destroy this country and we are going to stop him or the United States of America is going to cease to exist."