

Verbal Reasoning

Alphabetical Ordering

What do I do?

Read each question and identify the alphabetical order.



What skills do I need to improve?



Doing lots of practice questions will help with becoming familiar with question types but what else can you do to improve in this area?

- Any word games such as Scrabble, Boggle or Bananagrams will help! They're fun too!
- You could try to write numerical equivalent of your name or your favourite book characters to help you to become familiar with the alphabet positions. For example: LUCY --> 12, 21, 3, 25

Top Tips!



- Read the questions carefully, sometimes they may ask you to remove letters from the alphabet or imagine words are written backwards.
- Ascending order is A-Z and descending order is Z-A.
- If words start with the same letter, move onto the next letter and so on.

Practice Questions

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

- 1 If the following words were written in alphabetical order, which word would come last?
 - a) belief, balance, blossom, basketball, beautiful
 - b) courage, capture, correspond, conclude, conquer
 - c) apple, apricot, avocado, almond, asparagus
 - d) river, robot, rabbit, rival, rocket
- 2 If the following words were written backwards, which word would come second?
 - a) radiator, rational, redemption, radiation, registrar
 - b) refurbish, resignation, rehearsal, relativity, retribution
 - c) execute, educate, elaborate, expiate, eradicate
 - d) enter, endure, explore, enforce, exhibit
- 3 If all of the letters from the word **JOURNEY** were removed from the alphabet, which letter would be at position 12? _____
- 4 If all of the letters from the word **TRIANGLE** were removed from the alphabet, which letter would be at position 6? _____
- 5 If all of the letters from the word **AMBIDEXTROUS** were removed from the alphabet, which position would the letter 'N' occupy? _____
- 6 Which list of words below is NOT written in alphabetical order?
 - a) radiate, reclusive, redundant, reliance, rigorous
 - b) warmly, warrior, weight, wrangler, written
 - c) snake, snare, sniper, sneakily, snapped
 - d) tramp, triangle, trimmed, trolley, trustworthy

Some of the words we have used contain no repeated letters. Can you write any of your own?



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Answers

- 1 If the following words were written in alphabetical order, which word would come last?
a) blossom
b) courage
c) avocado
d) rocket
- 2 If the following words were written backwards, which word would come second?
a) radiation
b) rehearsal
c) expiate
d) explore
- 3 If all of the letters from the word **JOURNEY** were removed from the alphabet, which letter would be at position 12? **P**
- 4 If all of the letters from the word **TRIANGLE** were removed from the alphabet, which letter would be at position 6? **J**
- 5 If all of the letters from the word **AMBIDEXTROUS** were removed from the alphabet, which letter would N occupy? **Position 8**
- 6 Which list of words below is NOT written in alphabetical order?
a) radiate, reclusive, redundant, reliance, rigorous
b) warmly, warrior, weight, wrangler, written
c) snake, snare, sniper, sneakily, snipped
d) tramp, triangle, trimmed, trolley, trustworthy

