

## Bizarre Arithmetic

**ANSWER:** THUNDER

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				C	A	T	E	R
?					G	N	A	T
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				C	A	T	E	R
			H	E	E	E	O	
	T	H	G	G	C	O		
?	S	C	A	H	R			
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	H	C	N	T	S	S	E	R

- Look at second column,  $O=0$
- Look at the first row of multiplication. In order for it to be the same as the first original number,  $T=1$
- You know that  $E+1=S$  from the third column
- Since the units digit is always R or 0, and R is what's multiplied, you know that it's equal to either 5 or 6
- You know that  $10+C \bmod 10 = C$ , so from the 7th column you can see that a 1 or 2 has to be carried over, making H either 9 or 8
- You also know that  $2+S=H$  from the 8th column, and it's less than 10 since there is no 9th column
- This makes S either 6 or 7, and E 5 or 6.
- But since R is also either 5 or 6 and  $E+1=S$ , that means  $R=5$ ,  $E=6$  and  $S=7$
- That means  $H=9$
- You know that  $G+C+6+9 \bmod 10 = 1$ , or that  $G+C=5$
- You know that  $C+A+6+5 \bmod 10 = 7$ , or that  $C+A=6$
- $A+1=G$
- The only consecutive letters left are 2, 3, 4
- Use logic and those two equations to find  $C=2$ ,  $B=3$ ,  $A=4$
- Final word is STONE

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					M	E	O	W	S
?						Z	I	N	C
				S	A	O	A	C	C
			O	E	A	N	M	N	
		W	A	A	E	I	I		
?	S	M	S	N	N	I			
	M	A	C	W	C	N	N	A	C

- There are 2 ways for  $xy \bmod 10 = x$ 
  - Either x or y is 5 and the other number is odd. This can only get a units digit of 5.
  - Either x or y is 6 and the other number is even. This can go to any even number.
- Because the units digit is the same for I, N and C when multiplied with S, you know that  $S=6$  and that I, N and C are even numbers. Z is odd.
- At the 8th column, there must be a 1 carried over from the 7th, so  $M=7$
- Because C and N are even and  $C+N=A$ , A is also even
- Because N, A and I are even,  $A+M+I=N$  isn't possible without a 1 being carried over. This means  $C+N>10$
- The biggest number you can get by adding 2 different even numbers is 14, so A is either 0, 2, or 4.
- N cannot be 0
- W and M are both odd and A is even, so  $W+M=A$  and there is no 1 carried over.
- $O+A+S<9$  since there is guaranteed to be at least a 1 carried over from  $S+E+A+N$
- That becomes  $O+A<3$ . Since O is odd and A is even, the only answer is  $O=1$  and  $A=0$
- We know then that  $C=8$ , since it is even.
- Since  $8+N=10$ ,  $N=2$
- The numbers left are 3,4,5,9. E, Z and W are odd and I is even, so  $I=4$ .
- $S+E+A+N \bmod 10 = W$  becomes  $6+E+0+2=W$ , or  $8+E=W$ . This is only possible if there is an even number carried over from  $1+A+A+E+N=C$ , which is just  $E+2=7$ .
- Therefore  $E=5$  and  $W=3$
- Then  $Z=9$
- Final word is OCEAN

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					G	L	Y	P	H
?						H	A	Z	Y
				A	P	I	Y	G	E
			P	H	I	E	L	Z	
		L	L	A	E	H	A		
?	Y	E	P	E	W	H			
	Y	L	H	Y	W	E	L	E	E

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  - Either  $x$  or  $y$  is 6 and the other number is even. This can go to any even number.
- $H=6$ , and  $A$  and  $Z$  are even.  $Y$  is odd
- $L+E=L$ , so  $E=0$ .  $L+E<10$  because it doesn't carry a 1 over.
- In order for  $6*Y$  to have a units place of 0 with  $Y$  being non-zero,  $Y=5$
- $Y+L+A+1=L$  since  $G+Z=10$ , so  $Y+A+1=10$  so  $A=4$
- From  $1+I+E+H+H=E$ , or  $1+I+0+6+6 \bmod 10 = 0$ , or  $3+I \bmod 10 = 0$ , which means  $I=7$
- You know that since  $G$  and  $Z$  are even, and  $G+Z=10$ , they are 8 and 2, but you don't know which is which
- You know from  $I+E+H+H+1$ , which is now  $7+0+6+6+1=20$ , that there's a 2 carried over to the next column
- $2+P+I+E+W \bmod 10 = W$  so  $2+P+I \bmod 10 = 0$ , so  $P=1$
- $1+P+L+P=H$ , which only works if both  $P$  and  $L$  are odd. You know that its less than 10 since nothing carries over, so  $L=3$ .
- The only odd letter left is  $W$ , so  $W=9$
- At this point you should be able to get the word HIGHWAY.

STONE OCEAN HIGHWAY => [HIGHWAY TO HELL](#) => stand of **THUNDER** mcqueen