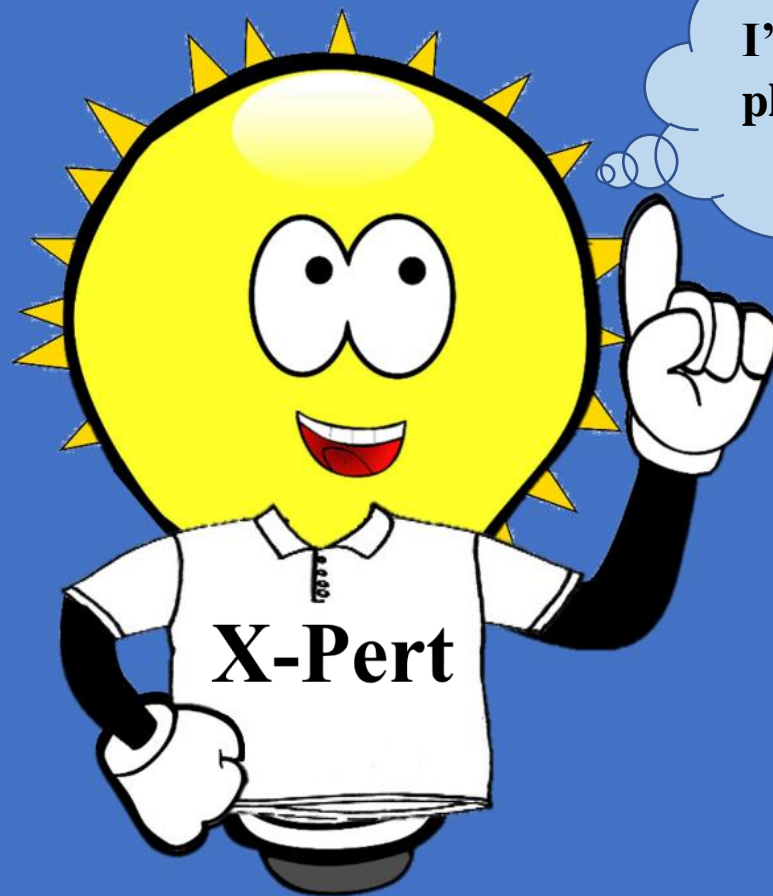


READY-X

Algebraic Reasoning Game



I'm **READY** to play. Are you?

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READY-X

Reasoning Algebraically and Logically

What is READY-X?

READY-X is an algebraic reasoning game that requires solution of equations and systems of equations.

Gameboard: The board is a 3-by-4 grid with 3 rows, 4 columns, and 12 spaces.

Each space contains one of the letters: R, E, A, D, Y, or X, with some letters repeated in the grid. Within each grid, same letters represent same numbers. Letter values differ with different grids.

Letter values may be 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 or 10.

At the end of each row and at the bottom of each column is the sum of the numbers in that row or column. Therefore, all rows and columns are addition equations.

That is a total of 7 equations: 4 equations with three variables and 3 equations with four variables.

To complete the grid and determine the value of each letter, R, E, A, D, Y, and X, equations and systems of equations must be solved.

Example:

One Row of a Grid shows: $Y + Y + 2 = 12$.

Then $2Y + 2 = 12$. Then $2Y = 10$, and $Y = 5$

One Column of the same Grid shows: $R + R + Y + R = 29$.

Replace Y with 5. Then $3R + 5 = 29$. Then $3R = 24$, and $R = 8$.

The 40 problems are arranged by difficulty

Section 1: 10 Warm Up

Section 2: 20 Exercise Your Skills

Section 3: 10 Demonstrate Your X-pertise

Possible Solutions are presented at the end of the book.

Note that solutions are labeled “Possible” because, for most problems, there is more than one solution method. You may want to compare solution methods with others.

Ready to become a READY-Xpert? Give it a try!

Section 1:

Warm Up



READY-X 1

Solve for the values of R, E, A, D, Y, X.

| | | Columns | | | | |
|------|---|---------|----|----|----|--|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | | |
| Rows | 1 | R | X | E | 17 | |
| | 2 | D | X | D | 13 | |
| | 3 | Y | X | A | 17 | |
| | 4 | D | X | E | 14 | |
| | | 22 | 12 | 27 | | |

R = ___ E = ___ A = ___ D = ___ Y = ___ X = ___

READY-X 2

Solve for the values of R, E, A, D, Y, X.

| | | Columns | | | | |
|------|---|---------|----|----|----|--|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | | |
| Rows | 1 | Y | Y | R | 12 | |
| | 2 | X | X | R | 28 | |
| | 3 | D | D | D | 12 | |
| | 4 | A | E | R | 20 | |
| | | 23 | 21 | 28 | | |

R = ___ E = ___ A = ___ D = ___ Y = ___ X = ___

READY-X 3

Solve for the values of R, E, A, D, Y, X.

| | | Columns | | | | |
|------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | | |
| Rows | 1 | X | X | D | 17 | |
| | 2 | A | Y | D | 16 | |
| | 3 | Y | X | D | 14 | |
| | 4 | E | R | D | 17 | |
| | | 14 | 14 | 36 | | |

R = ___ **E =** ___ **A =** ___ **D =** ___ **Y =** ___ **X =** ___

READY-X 4

Solve for the values of R, E, A, D, Y, X.

| | | Columns | | | | |
|------|---|---------|----|----|----|--|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | | |
| Rows | 1 | R | Y | R | 13 | |
| | 2 | E | Y | E | 19 | |
| | 3 | A | Y | A | 29 | |
| | 4 | D | Y | X | 17 | |
| | | 18 | 36 | 24 | | |

R = ___ E = ___ A = ___ D = ___ Y = ___ X = ___

READY-X 5

Solve for the values of R, E, A, D, Y, X.

| | | Columns | | | | |
|------|---|---------|----|----|----|--|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | | |
| Rows | 1 | A | Y | X | 21 | |
| | 2 | A | D | X | 20 | |
| | 3 | A | E | R | 22 | |
| | 4 | A | A | R | 21 | |
| | | 32 | 22 | 30 | | |

R = ___ **E =** ___ **A =** ___ **D =** ___ **Y =** ___ **X =** ___

READY-X 6

Solve for the values of R, E, A, D, Y, X.

| | | Columns | | | | |
|------|---|---------|----|----|----|--|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | | |
| Rows | 1 | R | D | E | 15 | |
| | 2 | A | A | A | 3 | |
| | 3 | Y | D | Y | 18 | |
| | 4 | X | D | A | 15 | |
| | | 27 | 13 | 11 | | |

R = ___ E = ___ A = ___ D = ___ Y = ___ X = ___

READY-X 7

Solve for the values of R, E, A, D, Y, X.

| | | Columns | | | | |
|------|---|---------|----|----|----|--|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | | |
| Rows | 1 | R | D | E | 22 | |
| | 2 | R | X | A | 15 | |
| | 3 | R | E | Y | 15 | |
| | 4 | R | Y | Y | 11 | |
| | | 20 | 29 | 14 | | |

R = ___ E = ___ A = ___ D = ___ Y = ___ X = ___

READY-X 8

Solve for the values of R, E, A, D, Y, X.

| | | Columns | | | | |
|------|---|---------|----|----|----|--|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | | |
| Rows | 1 | A | E | A | 25 | |
| | 2 | R | E | R | 17 | |
| | 3 | D | E | D | 19 | |
| | 4 | Y | E | X | 20 | |
| | | 23 | 28 | 30 | | |

R = ___ E = ___ A = ___ D = ___ Y = ___ X = ___

READY-X 9

Solve for the values of R, E, A, D, Y, X.

| | | Columns | | | | |
|------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | | |
| Rows | 1 | X | R | D | 24 | |
| | 2 | Y | R | E | 13 | |
| | 3 | X | X | X | 21 | |
| | 4 | A | X | R | 21 | |
| | | 22 | 30 | 27 | | |

R = ___ **E =** ___ **A =** ___ **D =** ___ **Y =** ___ **X =** ___

READY-X 10

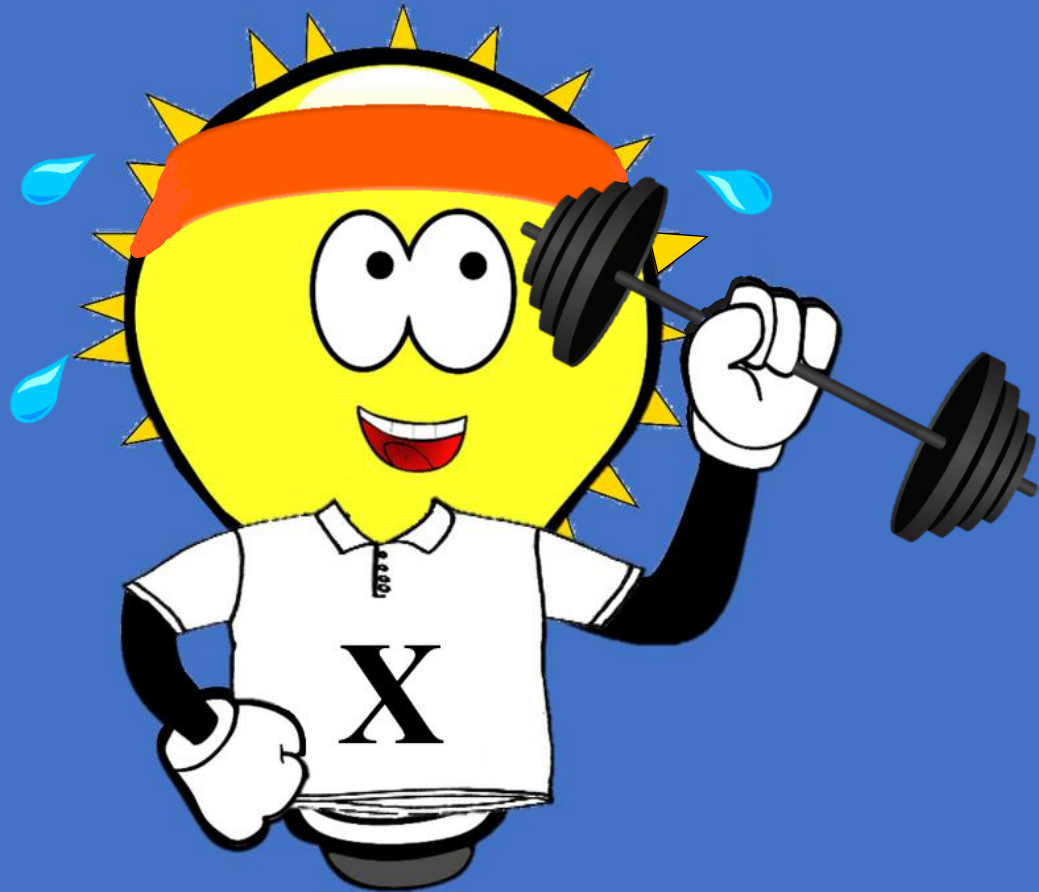
Solve for the values of R, E, A, D, Y, X.

| | | Columns | | | | |
|------|---|---------|----|----|----|--|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | | |
| Rows | 1 | Y | A | X | 9 | |
| | 2 | D | R | X | 14 | |
| | 3 | E | A | X | 15 | |
| | 4 | R | R | R | 21 | |
| | | 24 | 22 | 13 | | |

R = ___ E = ___ A = ___ D = ___ Y = ___ X = ___

Section 2:

Exercise Your Skills



READY-X 11

Solve for the values of R, E, A, D, Y, X.

| | | Columns | | | | |
|------|---|---------|----|----|----|--|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | | |
| Rows | 1 | E | E | E | 30 | |
| | 2 | D | X | E | 20 | |
| | 3 | D | R | A | 11 | |
| | 4 | X | R | Y | 18 | |
| | | 23 | 21 | 35 | | |

R = ___ E = ___ A = ___ D = ___ Y = ___ X = ___

READY-X 12

Solve for the values of R, E, A, D, Y, X.

| | | Columns | | | | |
|------|---|---------|----|----|----|--|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | | |
| Rows | 1 | A | E | Y | 12 | |
| | 2 | Y | A | A | 11 | |
| | 3 | A | D | A | 9 | |
| | 4 | E | R | X | 18 | |
| | | 16 | 17 | 17 | | |

R = ___ **E =** ___ **A =** ___ **D =** ___ **Y =** ___ **X =** ___

READY-X 13

Solve for the values of R, E, A, D, Y, X.

| | | Columns | | | | |
|------|---|---------|----|----|----|--|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | | |
| Rows | 1 | X | A | R | 14 | |
| | 2 | A | E | R | 21 | |
| | 3 | Y | X | A | 10 | |
| | 4 | R | D | R | 15 | |
| | | 16 | 19 | 25 | | |

R = ___ E = ___ A = ___ D = ___ Y = ___ X = ___

READY-X 14

Solve for the values of R, E, A, D, Y, X.

| | | Columns | | | | |
|------|---|---------|----|----|----|--|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | | |
| Rows | 1 | X | E | R | 14 | |
| | 2 | X | A | D | 6 | |
| | 3 | R | R | A | 11 | |
| | 4 | R | X | Y | 15 | |
| | | 10 | 17 | 19 | | |

R = ___ E = ___ A = ___ D = ___ Y = ___ X = ___

READY-X 15

Solve for the values of R, E, A, D, Y, X.

| | | Columns | | | |
|------|---|---------|----|----|----|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| Rows | 1 | X | A | R | 16 |
| | 2 | A | R | R | 18 |
| | 3 | Y | D | X | 16 |
| | 4 | E | A | X | 18 |
| | | 27 | 25 | 16 | |

R = ___ E = ___ A = ___ D = ___ Y = ___ X = ___

READY-X 16

Solve for the values of R, E, A, D, Y, X.

| | | Columns | | | | |
|------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|----|--|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | | |
| Rows | 1 | R | X | R | 23 | |
| | 2 | D | Y | Y | 9 | |
| | 3 | R | X | D | 21 | |
| | 4 | D | E | A | 14 | |
| | | 24 | 23 | 20 | | |

R = ___ **E =** ___ **A =** ___ **D =** ___ **Y =** ___ **X =** ___

READY-X 17

Solve for the values of R, E, A, D, Y, X.

| | | Columns | | | | |
|------|---|---------|----|----|----|--|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | | |
| Rows | 1 | R | E | A | 18 | |
| | 2 | Y | D | Y | 17 | |
| | 3 | D | A | D | 16 | |
| | 4 | R | R | X | 20 | |
| | | 24 | 25 | 22 | | |

R = ___ E = ___ A = ___ D = ___ Y = ___ X = ___

READY-X 18

Solve for the values of R, E, A, D, Y, X.

| | | Columns | | | | |
|------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | | |
| Rows | 1 | D | A | E | 19 | |
| | 2 | X | A | A | 24 | |
| | 3 | A | X | E | 20 | |
| | 4 | R | X | Y | 16 | |
| | | 27 | 34 | 18 | | |

R = ___ **E =** ___ **A =** ___ **D =** ___ **Y =** ___ **X =** ___

READY-X 19

Solve for the values of R, E, A, D, Y, X.

| | | Columns | | | |
|------|---|---------|----|----|----|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| Rows | 1 | Y | E | R | 12 |
| | 2 | D | E | A | 20 |
| | 3 | D | Y | X | 15 |
| | 4 | Y | D | D | 21 |
| | | 22 | 15 | 31 | |

R = ___ **E =** ___ **A =** ___ **D =** ___ **Y =** ___ **X =** ___

READY-X 20

Solve for the values of R, E, A, D, Y, X.

| | | Columns | | | | |
|------|---|---------|----|----|----|--|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | | |
| Rows | 1 | E | Y | X | 8 | |
| | 2 | D | E | D | 16 | |
| | 3 | Y | E | A | 7 | |
| | 4 | R | Y | D | 15 | |
| | | 19 | 10 | 17 | | |

R = ___ E = ___ A = ___ D = ___ Y = ___ X = ___

READY-X 21

Solve for the values of R, E, A, D, Y, X.

| | | Columns | | | | |
|------|---|---------|----|----|----|--|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | | |
| Rows | 1 | Y | X | R | 14 | |
| | 2 | R | E | R | 19 | |
| | 3 | R | A | X | 11 | |
| | 4 | Y | D | X | 12 | |
| | | 26 | 12 | 18 | | |

R = ___ **E =** ___ **A =** ___ **D =** ___ **Y =** ___ **X =** ___

READY-X 22

Solve for the values of R, E, A, D, Y, X.

| | | Columns | | | | |
|------|---|---------|----|----|----|--|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | | |
| Rows | 1 | E | A | A | 20 | |
| | 2 | R | E | X | 10 | |
| | 3 | D | E | X | 13 | |
| | 4 | Y | A | Y | 11 | |
| | | 16 | 22 | 16 | | |

R = ___ E = ___ A = ___ D = ___ Y = ___ X = ___

READY-X 23

Solve for the values of R, E, A, D, Y, X.

| | | Columns | | | | |
|------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|----|--|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | | |
| Rows | 1 | X | A | D | 22 | |
| | 2 | D | A | D | 18 | |
| | 3 | R | Y | E | 18 | |
| | 4 | D | Y | A | 20 | |
| | | 25 | 32 | 21 | | |

R = ___ **E =** ___ **A =** ___ **D =** ___ **Y =** ___ **X =** ___

READY-X 24

Solve for the values of R, E, A, D, Y, X.

| | | Columns | | | | |
|------|---|---------|----|----|----|--|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | | |
| Rows | 1 | X | D | R | 11 | |
| | 2 | R | D | D | 9 | |
| | 3 | X | E | Y | 17 | |
| | 4 | R | E | A | 19 | |
| | | 20 | 18 | 18 | | |

R = ___ E = ___ A = ___ D = ___ Y = ___ X = ___

READY-X 25

Solve for the values of R, E, A, D, Y, X.

| | | Columns | | | | |
|------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | | |
| Rows | 1 | A | D | D | 27 | |
| | 2 | X | X | D | 28 | |
| | 3 | D | Y | E | 22 | |
| | 4 | X | R | R | 21 | |
| | | 35 | 33 | 30 | | |

R = ___ **E =** ___ **A =** ___ **D =** ___ **Y =** ___ **X =** ___

READY-X 26

Solve for the values of R, E, A, D, Y, X.

| | | Columns | | | |
|------|---|---------|----|----|----|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| Rows | 1 | A | Y | A | 29 |
| | 2 | R | X | R | 17 |
| | 3 | D | Y | E | 13 |
| | 4 | Y | X | R | 21 |
| | | 25 | 32 | 23 | |

R = ___ E = ___ A = ___ D = ___ Y = ___ X = ___

READY-X 27

Solve for the values of R, E, A, D, Y, X.

| | | Columns | | | | |
|------|---|---------|----|----|----|--|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | | |
| Rows | 1 | E | A | R | 9 | |
| | 2 | R | X | D | 22 | |
| | 3 | E | D | Y | 14 | |
| | 4 | R | Y | E | 12 | |
| | | 16 | 22 | 19 | | |

R = ___ E = ___ A = ___ D = ___ Y = ___ X = ___

READY-X 28

Solve for the values of R, E, A, D, Y, X.

| | | Columns | | | | |
|------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | | |
| Rows | 1 | A | D | X | 21 | |
| | 2 | E | A | Y | 19 | |
| | 3 | E | E | X | 19 | |
| | 4 | Y | R | Y | 7 | |
| | | 25 | 21 | 20 | | |

R = ___ **E =** ___ **A =** ___ **D =** ___ **Y =** ___ **X =** ___

READY-X 29

Solve for the values of R, E, A, D, Y, X.

| | | Columns | | | | |
|------|---|---------|----|----|----|--|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | | |
| Rows | 1 | R | E | E | 26 | |
| | 2 | D | E | R | 21 | |
| | 3 | D | Y | A | 15 | |
| | 4 | R | X | X | 14 | |
| | | 22 | 33 | 21 | | |

R = ___ E = ___ A = ___ D = ___ Y = ___ X = ___

READY-X 30

Solve for the values of R, E, A, D, Y, X.

| | | Columns | | | | |
|------|---|---------|----|----|----|--|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | | |
| Rows | 1 | E | X | E | 20 | |
| | 2 | R | A | A | 7 | |
| | 3 | E | R | D | 11 | |
| | 4 | R | Y | R | 11 | |
| | | 20 | 16 | 13 | | |

R = ___ E = ___ A = ___ D = ___ Y = ___ X = ___

Section 3: Demonstrate Your X-pertise



I'M BRILIANT!!!

READY-X 31

Solve for the values of R, E, A, D, Y, X.

| | | Columns | | | | |
|------|---|---------|----|----|----|--|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | | |
| Rows | 1 | A | Y | E | 21 | |
| | 2 | E | E | R | 18 | |
| | 3 | D | A | X | 23 | |
| | 4 | R | X | A | 19 | |
| | | 28 | 27 | 26 | | |

R = ___ E = ___ A = ___ D = ___ Y = ___ X = ___

READY-X 32

Solve for the values of R, E, A, D, Y, X.

| | | Columns | | | | |
|------|---|---------|----|----|----|--|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | | |
| Rows | 1 | A | X | R | 17 | |
| | 2 | A | E | X | 11 | |
| | 3 | R | X | D | 18 | |
| | 4 | D | Y | Y | 23 | |
| | | 28 | 15 | 26 | | |

R = ___ E = ___ A = ___ D = ___ Y = ___ X = ___

READY-X 33

Solve for the values of R, E, A, D, Y, X.

| | | Columns | | | | |
|------|---|---------|----|----|----|--|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | | |
| Rows | 1 | X | A | Y | 15 | |
| | 2 | R | Y | A | 14 | |
| | 3 | A | D | D | 19 | |
| | 4 | Y | E | X | 9 | |
| | | 16 | 21 | 20 | | |

R = ___ E = ___ A = ___ D = ___ Y = ___ X = ___

READY-X 34

Solve for the values of R, E, A, D, Y, X.

| | | Columns | | | |
|------|---|---------|----|----|----|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| Rows | 1 | R | A | D | 11 |
| | 2 | X | Y | R | 11 |
| | 3 | D | E | R | 9 |
| | 4 | E | D | E | 10 |
| | | 16 | 15 | 10 | |

R = ___ E = ___ A = ___ D = ___ Y = ___ X = ___

READY-X 35

Solve for the values of R, E, A, D, Y, X.

| | | Columns | | | | |
|------|---|---------|----|----|----|--|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | | |
| Rows | 1 | R | Y | R | 18 | |
| | 2 | E | Y | E | 24 | |
| | 3 | X | Y | X | 22 | |
| | 4 | D | D | A | 14 | |
| | | 20 | 33 | 25 | | |

R = ___ E = ___ A = ___ D = ___ Y = ___ X = ___

READY-X 36

Solve for the values of R, E, A, D, Y, X.

| | | Columns | | | | |
|------|---|---------|----|----|----|--|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | | |
| Rows | 1 | D | R | E | 20 | |
| | 2 | E | Y | E | 21 | |
| | 3 | R | A | X | 13 | |
| | 4 | A | X | Y | 12 | |
| | | 21 | 16 | 29 | | |

R = ___ E = ___ A = ___ D = ___ Y = ___ X = ___

READY-X 37

Solve for the values of R, E, A, D, Y, X.

| | | Columns | | | | |
|------|---|---------|----|----|----|--|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | | |
| Rows | 1 | R | D | A | 21 | |
| | 2 | D | E | X | 19 | |
| | 3 | X | R | D | 15 | |
| | 4 | Y | A | E | 23 | |
| | | 20 | 31 | 27 | | |

R = ___ E = ___ A = ___ D = ___ Y = ___ X = ___

READY-X 38

Solve for the values of R, E, A, D, Y, X.

| | | Columns | | | | |
|------|---|---------|----|----|----|--|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | | |
| Rows | 1 | A | A | D | 10 | |
| | 2 | A | X | X | 10 | |
| | 3 | X | R | A | 9 | |
| | 4 | Y | E | X | 22 | |
| | | 16 | 19 | 16 | | |

R = ___ **E =** ___ **A =** ___ **D =** ___ **Y =** ___ **X =** ___

READY-X 39

Solve for the values of R, E, A, D, Y, X.

| | | Columns | | | |
|------|---|---------|----|----|----|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| Rows | 1 | D | R | A | 22 |
| | 2 | D | Y | Y | 11 |
| | 3 | R | X | Y | 20 |
| | 4 | A | E | X | 23 |
| | | 25 | 28 | 23 | |

R = ___ E = ___ A = ___ D = ___ Y = ___ X = ___

READY-X 40

Solve for the values of R, E, A, D, Y, X.

| | | Columns | | | | |
|------|---|---------|----|----|----|--|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | | |
| Rows | 1 | X | X | A | 14 | |
| | 2 | R | R | D | 11 | |
| | 3 | E | E | Y | 20 | |
| | 4 | Y | E | A | 17 | |
| | | 19 | 20 | 23 | | |

R = ___ E = ___ A = ___ D = ___ Y = ___ X = ___

Solutions

Section 1: Warm Up



READY-X 1

$$R = 8 \quad E = 6 \quad A = 10 \quad D = 5 \quad Y = 4 \quad X = 3$$

Possible Solution

Column 2: $X + X + X + X = 12$. Then $4X = 12$, and $X = 3$.

Row 2: $D + X + D = 13$. Replace X with 3. Then $D + 3 + D = 13$.

Then $2D + 3 = 13$. Then $2D = 10$, and $D = 5$.

Row 4: $D + X + E = 14$. Replace D with 5 and X with 3.

Then $5 + 3 + E = 14$, and $E = 6$.

Column 3: $E + D + A + E = 27$. Replace each E with 6 and D with 5.

Then $6 + 5 + A + 6 = 27$, and $A = 10$.

Row 3: $Y + X + A = 17$. Replace X with 3 and A with 10.

Then $Y + 3 + 10 = 17$, and $Y = 4$.

Row 1: $R + X + E = 17$. Replace X with 3 and E with 6.

Then $R + 3 + 6 = 17$, and $R = 8$.

READY-X 2

$$\mathbf{R = 8 \quad E = 5 \quad A = 7 \quad D = 4 \quad Y = 2 \quad X = 10}$$

Possible Solution

Row 3: $D + D + D = 12$. Then $3D = 12$, and $D = 4$.

Column 3: $R + R + D + R = 28$. Replace D with 4. Then $R + R + 4 + R = 28$.

Then $3R + 4 = 28$. Then $3R = 24$, and $R = 8$.

Row 1: $Y + Y + R = 12$. Replace R with 8. Then $Y + Y + 8 = 12$.

Then $2Y + 8 = 12$. Then $2Y = 4$, and $Y = 2$.

Row 2: $X + X + R = 28$. Replace R with 8. Then $X + X + 8 = 28$.

Then $2X + 8 = 28$. Then $2X = 20$, and $X = 10$.

Column 1: $Y + X + D + A = 23$. Replace Y with 2, X with 10, and D with 4.

Then $2 + 10 + 4 + A = 23$, and $A = 7$.

Row 4: $A + E + R = 20$. Replace A with 7 and R with 8. Then $7 + E + 8 = 20$, and $E = 5$.

READY-X 3

$$\mathbf{R = 5 \quad E = 3 \quad A = 6 \quad D = 9 \quad Y = 1 \quad X = 4}$$

Possible Solution

Column 3: $D + D + D + D = 36$. Then $4D = 36$, and $D = 9$.

Row 1: $X + X + D = 17$. Replace D with 9 . Then $X + X + 9 = 17$. Then $2X + 9 = 17$.

Then $2X = 8$, and $X = 4$.

Row 3: $Y + X + D = 14$. Replace X with 4 and D with 9 . Then $Y + 4 + 9 = 14$, and $Y = 1$.

Row 2: $A + Y + D = 16$. Replace Y with 1 and D with 9 . Then $A + 1 + 9 = 16$, and $A = 6$.

Column 2: $X + Y + X + R = 14$. Replace each X with 4 and Y with 1 .

Then $4 + 1 + 4 + R = 14$, and $R = 5$.

Row 4: $E + R + D = 17$. Replace R with 5 and D with 9 . Then $E + 5 + 9 = 17$, and $E = 3$.

READY-X 4

$$\mathbf{R = 2 \quad E = 5 \quad A = 10 \quad D = 1 \quad Y = 9 \quad X = 7}$$

Possible Solution

Column 2: $Y + Y + Y + Y = 36$. Then $4Y = 36$, and $Y = 9$.

Row 1: $R + Y + R = 13$. Replace Y with 9 . Then $R + 9 + R = 13$. Then $2R + 9 = 13$.
Then $2R = 4$, and $R = 2$.

Row 2: $E + Y + E = 19$. Replace Y with 9 . Then $E + 9 + E = 19$. Then $2E + 9 = 19$.
Then $2E = 10$, and $E = 5$.

Row 3: $A + Y + A = 29$. Replace the Y with 9 . Then $A + 9 + A = 29$. Then $2A + 9 = 29$.
Then $2A = 20$, and $A = 10$.

Column 1: $R + E + A + D = 18$. Replace R with 2 , E with 5 , and A with 10 .
Then $2 + 5 + 10 + D = 18$. Then $D = 1$.

Row 4: $D + Y + X = 17$. Replace D with 1 and Y with 9 .
Then $1 + 9 + X = 17$, and $X = 7$.

READY-X 5

$$\mathbf{R = 5 \quad E = 9 \quad A = 8 \quad D = 2 \quad Y = 3 \quad X = 10}$$

Possible Solution

Column 1: $A + A + A + A = 32$. Then $4A = 32$, and $A = 8$.

Row 4: $A + A + R = 21$. Replace each A with 8 . Then $8 + 8 + R = 21$, and $R = 5$.

Row 3: $A + E + R = 22$. Replace A with 8 and R with 5 . Then $8 + E + 5 = 22$, and $E = 9$.

Column 3: $X + X + R + R = 30$. Replace each R with 5 . Then $X + X + 5 + 5 = 30$.

Then $2X + 10 = 30$. Then $2X = 20$, and $X = 10$.

Row 1: $A + Y + X = 21$. Replace A with 8 and X with 10 .

Then $8 + Y + 10 = 21$, and $Y = 3$.

Row 2: $A + D + X = 20$. Replace A with 8 and X with 10 .

Then $8 + D + 10 = 20$, and $D = 2$.

READY-X 6

$$\mathbf{R = 9 \quad E = 2 \quad A = 1 \quad D = 4 \quad Y = 7 \quad X = 10}$$

Possible Solution

Row 2: $A + A + A = 3$. Then $3A = 3$, and $A = 1$.

Column 2: $D + A + D + D = 13$. Replace A with 1. Then $3D + 1 = 13$.

Then $3D = 12$, and $D = 4$.

Row 4: $X + D + A = 15$. Replace D with 4 and A with 1. Then $X + 4 + 1 = 15$, and $X = 10$.

Row 3: $Y + D + Y = 18$. Replace D with 4. Then $2Y + 4 = 18$. Then $2Y = 14$, and $Y = 7$.

Column 3: $E + A + Y + A = 11$. Replace each A with 1 and Y with 7.

Then $E + 1 + 7 + 1 = 11$, and $E = 2$.

Row 1: $R + D + E = 15$. Replace D with 4 and E with 2.

Then $R + 4 + 2 = 15$, and $R = 9$.

READY-X 7

$$\mathbf{R = 5 \quad E = 7 \quad A = 1 \quad D = 10 \quad Y = 3 \quad X = 9}$$

Possible Solution

Column 1: $R + R + R + R = 20$. Then $4R = 20$, and $R = 5$.

Row 4: $R + Y + Y = 11$. Replace R with 5. Then $5 + Y + Y = 11$.

Then $5 + 2Y = 11$. Then $2Y = 6$, and $Y = 3$.

Row 3: $R + E + Y = 15$. Replace R with 5 and Y with 3. Then $5 + E + 3 = 15$, and $E = 7$.

Row 1: $R + D + E = 22$. Replace R with 5 and E with 7. Then $5 + D + 7 = 22$, and $D = 10$.

Column 2: $D + X + E + Y = 29$. Replace D with 10, E with 7, and Y with 3.

Then $10 + X + 7 + 3 = 29$, and $X = 9$.

Row 2: $R + X + A = 15$. Replace R with 5 and X with 9. Then $5 + 9 + A = 15$, and $A = 1$.

READY-X 8

$$\mathbf{R = 5 \quad E = 7 \quad A = 9 \quad D = 6 \quad Y = 3 \quad X = 10}$$

Possible Solution

Column 2: $E + E + E + E = 28$. Then $4E = 28$, and $E = 7$.

Row 1: $A + E + A = 25$. Replace E with 7. Then $A + 7 + A = 25$.

Then $2A + 7 = 25$. Then $2A = 18$, and $A = 9$.

Row 2: $R + E + R = 17$. Replace E with 7. Then $R + 7 + R = 17$. Then $2R + 7 = 17$.

Then $2R = 10$, and $R = 5$.

Row 3: $D + E + D = 19$. Replace E with 7. Then $D + 7 + D = 19$. Then $2D + 7 = 19$.

Then $2D = 12$, and $D = 6$

Column 3: $A + R + D + X = 30$. Replace A with 9, R with 5, and D with 6.

Then $9 + 5 + 6 + X = 30$, and $X = 10$.

Row 4: $Y + E + X = 20$. Replace E with 7 and X with 10.

Then $Y + 7 + 10 = 20$, and $Y = 3$.

READY-X 9

$$\mathbf{R = 8 \quad E = 3 \quad A = 6 \quad D = 9 \quad Y = 2 \quad X = 7}$$

Possible Solution

Row 3: $X + X + X = 21$. Then $3X = 21$, and $X = 7$.

Column 2: $R + R + X + X = 30$. Replace each X with 7. Then $R + R + 7 + 7 = 30$.

Then $2R + 14 = 30$. Then $2R = 16$, and $R = 8$.

Row 1: $X + R + D = 24$. Replace X with 7 and R with 8. Then $7 + 8 + D = 24$, and $D = 9$.

Row 4: $A + X + R = 21$. Replace X with 7 and R with 8. Then $A + 7 + 8 = 21$, and $A = 6$.

Column 3: $D + E + X + R = 27$. Replace D with 9, X with 7, and R with 8.

Then $9 + E + 7 + 8 = 27$, and $E = 3$.

Row 2: $Y + R + E = 13$. Replace R with 8 and E with 3.

Then $Y + 8 + 3 = 13$, and $Y = 2$.

READY-X 10

$$\mathbf{R = 7 \quad E = 9 \quad A = 4 \quad D = 5 \quad Y = 3 \quad X = 2}$$

Possible Solution

Row 4: $\mathbf{R + R + R = 21}$. Then $\mathbf{3R = 21}$, and $\mathbf{R = 7}$.

Column 3: $\mathbf{X + X + X + R = 13}$. Replace \mathbf{R} with $\mathbf{7}$. Then $\mathbf{X + X + X + 7 = 13}$.

Then $\mathbf{3X + 7 = 13}$. Then $\mathbf{3X = 6}$, and $\mathbf{X = 2}$.

Column 2: $\mathbf{A + R + A + R = 22}$. Replace each \mathbf{R} with $\mathbf{7}$. Then $\mathbf{A + 7 + A + 7 = 22}$.

Then $\mathbf{2A + 14 = 22}$. Then $\mathbf{2A = 8}$, and $\mathbf{A = 4}$.

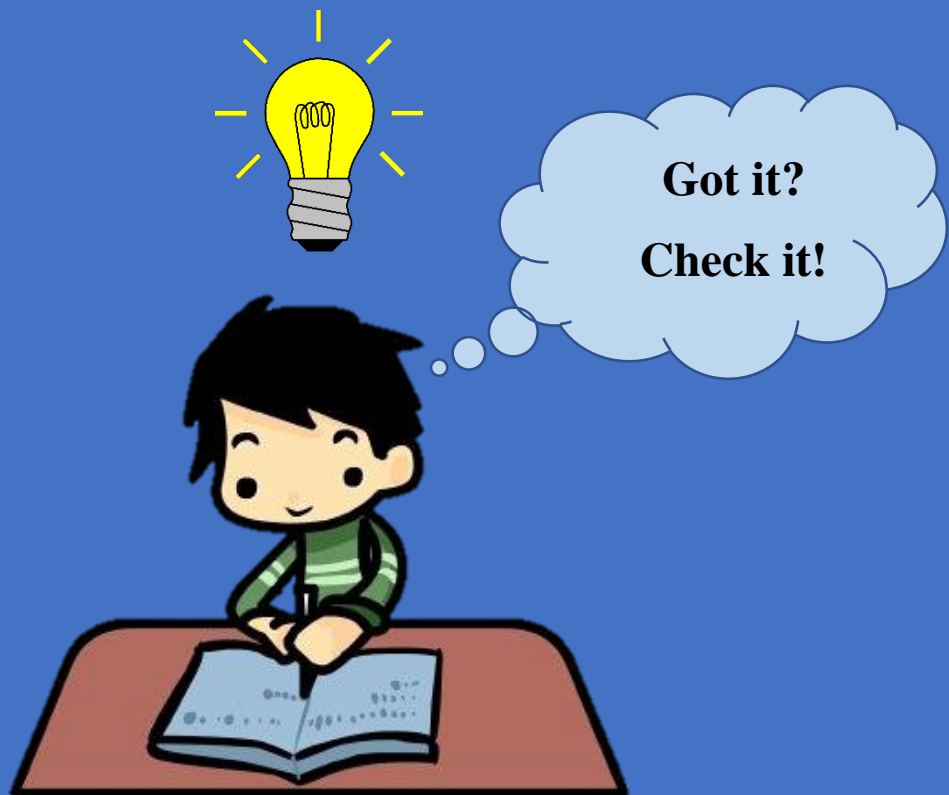
Row 1: $\mathbf{Y + A + X = 9}$. Replace \mathbf{A} with $\mathbf{4}$ and \mathbf{X} with $\mathbf{2}$. Then $\mathbf{Y + 4 + 2 = 9}$, and $\mathbf{Y = 3}$.

Row 2: $\mathbf{D + R + X = 14}$. Replace \mathbf{R} with $\mathbf{7}$ and \mathbf{X} with $\mathbf{2}$. Then $\mathbf{D + 7 + 2 = 14}$, and $\mathbf{D = 5}$.

Row 3: $\mathbf{E + A + X = 15}$. Replace \mathbf{A} with $\mathbf{4}$ and \mathbf{X} with $\mathbf{2}$. Then $\mathbf{E + 4 + 2 = 15}$, and $\mathbf{E = 9}$.

Solutions

Section 2: Exercise Your Skills



READY-X 11

$$\mathbf{R = 2 \quad E = 10 \quad A = 6 \quad D = 3 \quad Y = 9 \quad X = 7}$$

Possible Solution

Row 1: $E + E + E = 30$. Then $3E = 30$, and $E = 10$.

All of Row 2 is in Column 1. Line up like variables and subtract.

$$\begin{array}{r} \mathbf{D + D + X + E = 23} \\ - \quad \mathbf{\underline{D + X + E = 20}} \\ \mathbf{D = 3} \end{array}$$

Row 2: $D + X + E = 20$. Replace D with 3 and E with 10. Then $3 + X + 10 = 20$, and $X = 7$.

Column 2: $E + X + R + R = 21$. Replace E with 10 and X with 7.

Then $10 + 7 + R + R = 21$. Then $2R + 17 = 21$. Then $2R = 4$, and $R = 2$.

Row 3: $D + R + A = 11$. Replace D with 3 and R with 2. Then $3 + 2 + A = 11$, and $A = 6$.

Row 4: $X + R + Y = 18$. Replace X with 7 and R with 2. Then $7 + 2 + Y = 18$, and $Y = 9$.

READY-X 12

$$\mathbf{R = 7 \quad E = 5 \quad A = 4 \quad D = 1 \quad Y = 3 \quad X = 6}$$

Possible Solution

All of Row 1 is in Column 1. Line up like variables and subtract.

$$\begin{array}{r} A + A + E + Y = 16 \\ - \quad \underline{A + E + Y = 12} \\ \hline A = 4 \end{array}$$

Row 2: $Y + A + A = 11$. Replace each A with 4. Then $Y + 4 + 4 = 11$, and $Y = 3$.

Row 1: $A + E + Y = 12$. Replace A with 4 and Y with 3. Then $4 + E + 3 = 12$, and $E = 5$.

Row 3: $A + D + A = 9$. Replace each A with 4. Then $4 + D + 4 = 9$, and $D = 1$.

Column 3: $Y + A + A + X = 17$. Replace Y with 3 and each A with 4.

$$\text{Then } 3 + 4 + 4 + X = 17, \text{ and } X = 6.$$

Row 4: $E + R + X = 18$. Replace E with 5 and X with 6. Then $5 + R + 6 = 18$, and $R = 7$.

READY-X 13

$$\mathbf{R = 6 \quad E = 8 \quad A = 7 \quad D = 3 \quad Y = 2 \quad X = 1}$$

Possible Solution

All of Row 3 is in Column 1. Line up like variables and subtract.

$$\begin{array}{r} \mathbf{R + Y + X + A = 16} \\ - \quad \mathbf{\underline{Y + X + A = 10}} \\ \mathbf{R = 6} \end{array}$$

Row 4: $\mathbf{R + D + R = 15}$. Replace each R with 6. Then $\mathbf{6 + D + 6 = 15}$, and $\mathbf{D = 3}$.

Column 3: $\mathbf{R + R + A + R = 25}$. Replace each R with 6. Then $\mathbf{6 + 6 + A + 6 = 25}$, and $\mathbf{A = 7}$.

Row 2: $\mathbf{A + E + R = 21}$. Replace A with 7 and R with 6. Then $\mathbf{7 + E + 6 = 21}$, and $\mathbf{E = 8}$.

Row 1: $\mathbf{X + A + R = 14}$. Replace A with 7 and R with 6. Then $\mathbf{X + 7 + 6 = 14}$, and $\mathbf{X = 1}$.

Row 3: $\mathbf{Y + X + A = 10}$. Replace X with 1 and A with 7. Then $\mathbf{Y + 1 + 7 = 10}$, and $\mathbf{Y = 2}$.

READY-X 14

$$\mathbf{R = 4 \quad E = 9 \quad A = 3 \quad D = 2 \quad Y = 10 \quad X = 1}$$

Possible Solution

All of Row 1 is in Column 2. Line up like variables and subtract.

$$\begin{array}{r} A + X + E + R = 17 \\ - \quad \underline{X + E + R = 14} \\ \hline A = 3 \end{array}$$

Row 3: $R + R + A = 11$. Replace A with 3. Then $2R + 3 = 11$. Then $2R = 8$, and $R = 4$.

Column 1: $X + X + R + R = 10$. Replace each R with 4. Then $X + X + 4 + 4 = 10$.

Then $2X + 8 = 10$. Then $2X = 2$, and $X = 1$.

Row 1: $X + E + R = 14$. Replace X with 1 and R with 4. Then $1 + E + 4 = 14$, and $E = 9$.

Row 2: $X + A + D = 6$. Replace X with 1 and A with 3. Then $1 + 3 + D = 6$, and $D = 2$.

Row 4: $R + X + Y = 15$. Replace R with 4 and X with 1. Then $4 + 1 + Y = 15$, and $Y = 10$.

READY-X 15

$$\mathbf{R = 5 \quad E = 7 \quad A = 8 \quad D = 4 \quad Y = 9 \quad X = 3}$$

Possible Solution

Column 3: $R + R + X + X = 16$. Then $2R + 2X = 16$, and $R + X = 8$.

Row 1: $X + A + R = 16$. Replace $(R + X)$ with 8. Then $8 + A = 16$, and $A = 8$.

Row 2: $A + R + R = 18$. Replace A with 8. Then $8 + R + R = 18$. Then $2R + 8 = 18$.

Then $2R = 10$, and $R = 5$.

Row 1: $X + A + R = 16$. Replace A with 8 and R with 5. Then $X + 8 + 5 = 16$, and $X = 3$.

Row 4: $E + A + X = 18$. Replace A with 8 and X with 3. Then $E + 8 + 3 = 18$, and $E = 7$.

Column 2: $A + R + D + A = 25$. Replace each A with 8 and R with 5.

Then $8 + 5 + D + 8 = 25$, and $D = 4$.

Row 3: $Y + D + X = 16$. Replace D with 4 and X with 3. Then $Y + 4 + 3 = 16$, and $Y = 9$.

READY-X 16

$$\mathbf{R = 7 \quad E = 3 \quad A = 6 \quad D = 5 \quad Y = 2 \quad X = 9}$$

Possible Solution

Column 1: $R + D + R + D = 24$. Then $2R + 2D = 24$. Then $R + D = 12$.

Row 3: $R + X + D = 21$. Replace $(R + D)$ with 12. Then $12 + X = 21$, and $X = 9$.

Row 1: $R + X + R = 23$. Replace X with 9. Then $2R + 9 = 23$. Then $2R = 14$, and $R = 7$.

From Column 1: $R + D = 12$. Replace R with 7. Then $7 + D = 12$, and $D = 5$.

Row 2: $D + Y + Y = 9$. Replace D with 5. Then $5 + 2Y = 9$. Then $2Y = 4$, and $Y = 2$.

Column 2: $X + Y + X + E = 23$. Replace each X with 9 and Y with 2.

Then $9 + 2 + 9 + E = 23$, and $E = 3$.

Row 4: $D + E + A = 14$. Replace D with 5 and E with 3. Then $5 + 3 + A = 14$, and $A = 6$.

READY-X 17

$$\mathbf{R = 6 \quad E = 10 \quad A = 2 \quad D = 7 \quad Y = 5 \quad X = 8}$$

Possible Solution

All of Row 1 is in Column 2. Line up like variables and subtract.

$$\begin{array}{r} \mathbf{D + R + E + A = 25} \\ - \quad \mathbf{R + E + A = 18} \\ \hline \mathbf{D = 7} \end{array}$$

Row 3: $\mathbf{D + A + D = 16}$. Replace each \mathbf{D} with $\mathbf{7}$. Then $\mathbf{7 + A + 7 = 16}$, and $\mathbf{A = 2}$.

Row 2: $\mathbf{Y + D + Y = 17}$. Replace \mathbf{D} with $\mathbf{7}$. Then $\mathbf{Y + 7 + Y = 17}$. Then $\mathbf{2Y + 7 = 17}$.

Then $\mathbf{2Y = 10}$, and $\mathbf{Y = 5}$.

Column 1: $\mathbf{R + Y + D + R = 24}$. Replace \mathbf{Y} with $\mathbf{5}$ and \mathbf{D} with $\mathbf{7}$. Then $\mathbf{R + 5 + 7 + R = 24}$.

Then $\mathbf{2R + 12 = 24}$. Then $\mathbf{2R = 12}$, and $\mathbf{R = 6}$.

Row 4: $\mathbf{R + R + X = 20}$. Replace each \mathbf{R} with $\mathbf{6}$. Then $\mathbf{6 + 6 + X = 20}$, and $\mathbf{X = 8}$.

Row 1: $\mathbf{R + E + A = 18}$. Replace \mathbf{R} with $\mathbf{6}$ and \mathbf{A} with $\mathbf{2}$. Then $\mathbf{6 + E + 2 = 18}$, and $\mathbf{E = 10}$.

READY-X 18

$$\mathbf{R = 1 \quad E = 3 \quad A = 7 \quad D = 9 \quad Y = 5 \quad X = 10}$$

Possible Solution

Column 2: $A + A + X + X = 34$. Then $2A + 2X = 34$. Then $A + X = 17$.

Row 2: $X + A + A = 24$. Replace $(A + X)$ with 17. Then $A + 17 = 24$, and $A = 7$.

From Column 2: $A + X = 17$. Replace A with 7. Then $7 + X = 17$, and $X = 10$.

Row 3: $A + X + E = 20$. Replace A with 7 and X with 10. Then $7 + 10 + E = 20$, and $E = 3$.

Row 1: $D + A + E = 19$. Replace A with 7 and E with 3. Then $D + 7 + 3 = 19$, and $D = 9$.

Column 1: $D + X + A + R = 27$. Replace D with 9, X with 10, and A with 7.

Then $9 + 10 + 7 + R = 27$, and $R = 1$.

Row 4: $R + X + Y = 16$. Replace R with 1 and X with 10. Then $1 + 10 + Y = 16$, and $Y = 5$.

READY-X 19

$$\mathbf{R = 9 \quad E = 2 \quad A = 8 \quad D = 10 \quad Y = 1 \quad X = 4}$$

Possible Solution

All of Row 4 is in Column 1. Line up like variables and subtract.

$$\begin{array}{r} Y + Y + D + D = 22 \\ - \quad \underline{Y + D + D = 21} \\ \hline Y = 1 \end{array}$$

Row 4: $Y + D + D = 21$. Replace Y with 1. Then $1 + 2D = 21$.

Then $2D = 20$, and $D = 10$.

Row 3: $D + Y + X = 15$. Replace D with 10 and Y with 1. Then $10 + 1 + X = 15$, and $X = 4$.

Column 2: $E + E + Y + D = 15$. Replace Y with 1 and D with 10. Then $E + E + 1 + 10 = 15$.

Then $2E + 11 = 15$. Then $2E = 4$, and $E = 2$.

Row 2: $D + E + A = 20$. Replace D with 10 and E with 2. Then $10 + 2 + A = 20$, and $A = 8$.

Row 1: $Y + E + R = 12$. Replace Y with 1 and E with 2 and. Then $1 + 2 + R = 12$, and $R = 9$.

READY-X 20

$$\mathbf{R = 8 \quad E = 4 \quad A = 2 \quad D = 6 \quad Y = 1 \quad X = 3}$$

Possible Solution

All of Row 4 is in Column 1. Line up like variables and subtract.

$$\begin{array}{r} \mathbf{E + D + Y + R = 19} \\ - \quad \mathbf{\underline{D + Y + R = 15}} \\ \mathbf{E = 4} \end{array}$$

Row 2: $D + E + D = 16$. Replace the E with 4. Then $2D + 4 = 16$. Then $2D = 12$, and $D = 6$.

Column 2: $Y + E + E + Y = 10$. Replace each E with 4.

$$\text{Then } \mathbf{2Y + 8 = 10}$$
. Then $2Y = 2$, and $Y = 1$.

Row 1: $E + Y + X = 8$. Replace E with 4 and Y with 1. Then $4 + 1 + X = 8$, and $X = 3$.

Row 3: $Y + E + A = 7$. Replace Y with 1 and E with 4. Then $1 + 4 + A = 7$, and $A = 2$.

Row 4: $R + Y + D = 15$. Replace Y with 1 and D with 6.

$$\text{Then } \mathbf{R + 1 + 6 = 15}$$
, and $R = 8$.

READY-X 21

$$\mathbf{R = 8 \quad E = 3 \quad A = 2 \quad D = 6 \quad Y = 5 \quad X = 1}$$

Possible Solution

Column 1: $Y + R + R + Y = 26$. Then $2Y + 2R = 26$, and $Y + R = 13$

Row 1: $Y + X + R = 14$. Replace $(Y + R)$ with 13. Then $13 + X = 14$, and $X = 1$.

Column 3: $R + R + X + X = 18$. Replace each X with 1. Then $R + R + 1 + 1 = 18$.

Then $2R + 2 = 18$. Then $2R = 16$, and $R = 8$.

From Column 1: $Y + R = 13$. Replace R with 8. Then $Y + 8 = 13$, and $Y = 5$.

Row 3: $R + A + X = 11$. Replace R with 8 and X with 1. Then $8 + A + 1 = 11$, and $A = 2$.

Row 2: $R + E + R = 19$. Replace each R with 8. Then $8 + E + 8 = 19$, and $E = 3$.

Row 4: $Y + D + X = 12$. Replace Y with 5 and X with 1. Then $5 + D + 1 = 12$, and $D = 6$.

READY-X 22

$$\mathbf{R = 5 \quad E = 2 \quad A = 9 \quad D = 8 \quad Y = 1 \quad X = 3}$$

Possible Solution

All of Row 1 is in Column 2. Line up like variables and subtract.

$$\begin{array}{r} \mathbf{E + E + A + A = 22} \\ - \quad \mathbf{E + A + A = 20} \\ \hline \mathbf{E = 2} \end{array}$$

Row 1: $\mathbf{E + A + A = 20}$. Replace \mathbf{E} with $\mathbf{2}$. Then $\mathbf{2 + A + A = 20}$. Then $\mathbf{2 + 2A = 20}$.

Then $\mathbf{2A = 18}$, and $\mathbf{A = 9}$.

Row 4: $\mathbf{Y + A + Y = 11}$. Replace \mathbf{A} with $\mathbf{9}$. Then $\mathbf{Y + 9 + Y = 11}$. Then $\mathbf{2Y + 9 = 11}$.

Then $\mathbf{2Y = 2}$, and $\mathbf{Y = 1}$.

Column 3: $\mathbf{A + X + X + Y = 16}$. Replace \mathbf{A} with $\mathbf{9}$ and \mathbf{Y} with $\mathbf{1}$. Then $\mathbf{9 + X + X + 1 = 16}$.

Then $\mathbf{2X + 10 = 16}$. Then $\mathbf{2X = 6}$, and $\mathbf{X = 3}$.

Row 2: $\mathbf{R + E + X = 10}$. Replace \mathbf{E} with $\mathbf{2}$ and \mathbf{X} with $\mathbf{3}$. Then $\mathbf{R + 2 + 3 = 10}$, and $\mathbf{R = 5}$.

Row 3: $\mathbf{D + E + X = 13}$. Replace \mathbf{E} with $\mathbf{2}$ and \mathbf{X} with $\mathbf{3}$. Then $\mathbf{D + 2 + 3 = 13}$, and $\mathbf{D = 8}$.

READY-X 23

$$\mathbf{R = 9 \quad E = 3 \quad A = 10 \quad D = 4 \quad Y = 6 \quad X = 8}$$

Possible Solution

Column 2: $A + A + Y + Y = 32$. Then $2A + 2Y = 32$. Then $A + Y = 16$.

Row 4: $D + Y + A = 20$. Replace $(A + Y)$ with 16. Then $D + 16 = 20$, and $D = 4$.

Row 2: $D + A + D = 18$. Replace each D with 4. Then $4 + A + 4 = 18$, and $A = 10$.

From Column 2: $A + Y = 16$. Replace A with 10, then $10 + Y = 16$, and $Y = 6$.

Row 1: $X + A + D = 22$. Replace A with 10 and D with 4. Then $X + 10 + 4 = 22$, and $X = 8$.

Column 1: $X + D + R + D = 25$. Replace X with 8 and each D with 4.

Then $8 + 4 + R + 4 = 25$, and $R = 9$.

Row 3: $R + Y + E = 18$. Replace R with 9 and Y with 6. Then $9 + 6 + E = 18$, and $E = 3$.

READY-X 24

$$\mathbf{R = 7 \quad E = 8 \quad A = 4 \quad D = 1 \quad Y = 6 \quad X = 3}$$

Possible Solution

Column 1: $X + R + X + R = 20$. Then $2X + 2R = 20$, and $X + R = 10$.

Row 1: $X + D + R = 11$. Replace $(X + R)$ with 10. Then $D + 10 = 11$, and $D = 1$.

Row 2: $R + D + D = 9$. Replace each D with 1. Then $R + 1 + 1 = 9$, and $R = 7$.

Row 1: $X + D + R = 11$. Replace D with 1 and R with 7. Then $X + 1 + 7 = 11$, and $X = 3$.

**Column 2: $D + D + E + E = 18$. Replace each D with 1. Then $1 + 1 + E + E = 18$,
Then $2 + 2E = 18$, Then $2E = 16$, and $E = 8$.**

Row 3: $X + E + Y = 17$. Replace X with 3 and E with 8. Then $3 + 8 + Y = 17$, and $Y = 6$.

Row 4: $R + E + A = 19$. Replace R with 7 and E with 8. Then $7 + 8 + A = 19$, and $A = 4$.

READY-X 25

$$\mathbf{R = 6 \quad E = 4 \quad A = 7 \quad D = 10 \quad Y = 8 \quad X = 9}$$

Possible Solution

All of Row 2 is in Column 1. Line up like variables and subtract.

$$\begin{array}{r} \mathbf{A + X + X + D = 35} \\ - \quad \mathbf{\underline{X + X + D = 28}} \\ \mathbf{A = 7} \end{array}$$

Row 1: $\mathbf{A + D + D = 27}$. Replace A with 7. Then $\mathbf{7 + D + D = 27}$. Then $\mathbf{2D + 7 = 27}$.

Then $\mathbf{2D = 20}$, and $\mathbf{D = 10}$.

Row 2: $\mathbf{X + X + D = 28}$. Replace D with 10. Then $\mathbf{2X + 10 = 28}$. Then $\mathbf{2X = 18}$, and $\mathbf{X = 9}$.

Row 4: $\mathbf{X + R + R = 21}$. Replace X with 9. Then $\mathbf{9 + R + R = 21}$. Then $\mathbf{9 + 2R = 21}$.

Then $\mathbf{2R = 12}$, and $\mathbf{R = 6}$.

Column 3: $\mathbf{D + D + E + R = 30}$. Replace each D with 10 and R with 6.

Then $\mathbf{10 + 10 + E + 6 = 30}$, and $\mathbf{E = 4}$.

Row 3: $\mathbf{D + Y + E = 22}$. Replace D with 10 and E with 4. Then $\mathbf{10 + Y + 4 = 22}$, and $\mathbf{Y = 8}$.

READY-X 26

$$\mathbf{R = 5 \quad E = 3 \quad A = 10 \quad D = 1 \quad Y = 9 \quad X = 7}$$

Possible Solution

Column 2: $Y + X + Y + X = 32$. Then $2X + 2Y = 32$. Then $Y + X = 16$.

Row 4: $Y + X + R = 21$. Replace $(Y + X)$ with 16. Then $16 + R = 21$, and $R = 5$.

Row 2: $R + X + R = 17$. Replace each R with 5. Then $5 + X + 5 = 17$, and $X = 7$.

From Column 2: $Y + X = 16$. Replace X with 7. Then $Y + 7 = 16$, and $Y = 9$.

Row 1: $A + Y + A = 29$. Replace Y with 9. Then $2A + 9 = 29$. Then $2A = 20$, and $A = 10$.

Column 3: $A + R + E + R = 23$. Replace A with 10, and each R with 5.

Then $10 + 5 + E + 5 = 23$, and $E = 3$.

Row 3: $D + Y + E = 13$. Replace Y with 9 and E with 3. Then $D + 9 + 3 = 13$, and $D = 1$.

READY-X 27

$$\mathbf{R = 5 \quad E = 3 \quad A = 1 \quad D = 7 \quad Y = 4 \quad X = 10}$$

Possible Solution

All of Row 3 is in Column 3. Line up like variables and subtract.

$$\begin{array}{r} \mathbf{R + D + Y + E = 19} \\ - \quad \mathbf{\underline{D + Y + E = 14}} \\ \mathbf{R = 5} \end{array}$$

Column 1: $\mathbf{E + R + E + R = 16}$. Replace each R with 5.

Then $\mathbf{E + 5 + E + 5 = 16}$. Then $\mathbf{2E + 10 = 16}$. Then $\mathbf{2E = 6}$, and $\mathbf{E = 3}$.

Row 4: $\mathbf{R + Y + E = 12}$. Replace R with 5 and E with 3. Then $\mathbf{5 + Y + 3 = 12}$, and $\mathbf{Y = 4}$.

Row 1: $\mathbf{E + A + R = 9}$. Replace E with 3 and R with 5. Then $\mathbf{3 + A + 5 = 9}$, and $\mathbf{A = 1}$.

Row 3: $\mathbf{E + D + Y = 14}$. Replace E with 3 and Y with 4. Then $\mathbf{3 + D + 4 = 14}$, and $\mathbf{D = 7}$.

Row 2: $\mathbf{R + X + D = 22}$. Replace R with 5 and D with 7. Then $\mathbf{5 + X + 7 = 22}$, and $\mathbf{X = 10}$.

READY-X 28

$$\mathbf{R = 1 \quad E = 6 \quad A = 10 \quad D = 4 \quad Y = 3 \quad X = 7}$$

Possible Solution

All of Row 2 is in Column 1. Line up like variables and subtract.

$$\begin{array}{r} E + E + A + Y = 25 \\ - \quad \underline{E + A + Y = 19} \\ \hline E = 6 \end{array}$$

Row 3: $E + E + X = 19$. Replace each E with 6. Then $6 + 6 + X = 19$, and $X = 7$.

Column 3: $X + Y + X + Y = 20$. Replace each X with 7. Then $7 + Y + 7 + Y = 20$.

Then $2Y + 14 = 20$. Then $2Y = 6$, and $Y = 3$.

Row 4: $Y + R + Y = 7$. Replace each Y with 3. Then $3 + R + 3 = 7$, and $R = 1$.

Row 2: $E + A + Y = 19$. Replace E with 6 and Y with 3. Then $6 + A + 3 = 19$, and $A = 10$.

Row 1: $A + D + X = 21$. Replace A with 10 and X with 7. Then $10 + D + 7 = 21$, and $D = 4$.

READY-X 29

$$\mathbf{R = 6 \quad E = 10 \quad A = 1 \quad D = 5 \quad Y = 9 \quad X = 4}$$

Possible Solution

Column 1: $R + D + D + R = 22$. Then $2R + 2D = 22$. Then $R + D = 11$.

Row 2: $D + E + R = 21$. Replace $(R + D)$ with 11. Then $E + 11 = 21$, and $E = 10$.

Row 1: $R + E + E = 26$. Replace each E with 10. Then $R + 10 + 10 = 26$, and $R = 6$.

From Column 1: $R + D = 11$. Replace R with 6. Then $6 + D = 11$, and $D = 5$.

Row 4: $R + X + X = 14$. Replace R with 6. Then $6 + X + X = 14$. Then $2X + 6 = 14$.

Then $2X = 8$, and $X = 4$.

Column 2: $E + E + Y + X = 33$. Replace each E with 10 and X with 4.

Then $10 + 10 + Y + 4 = 33$, and $Y = 9$.

Row 3: $D + Y + A = 15$. Replace D with 5 and Y with 9. Then $5 + 9 + A = 15$, and $A = 1$.

READY-X 30

$$\mathbf{R = 3 \quad E = 7 \quad A = 2 \quad D = 1 \quad Y = 5 \quad X = 6}$$

Possible Solution

All of Row 3 is in Column 3. Line up like variables and subtract.

$$\begin{array}{r} A + E + D + R = 13 \\ - \quad \underline{E + D + R = 11} \\ \quad \quad \quad A = 2 \end{array}$$

Row 2: $R + A + A = 7$. Replace each A with 2. Then $R + 2 + 2 = 7$, and $R = 3$.

Row 4: $R + Y + R = 11$. Replace each R with 3. Then $3 + Y + 3 = 11$, and $Y = 5$.

Column 1: $E + R + E + R = 20$. Replace each R with 3. Then $E + 3 + E + 3 = 20$.

Then $2E + 6 = 20$. Then $2E = 14$, and $E = 7$.

Row 1: $E + X + E = 20$. Replace each E with 7. Then $7 + X + 7 = 20$, and $X = 6$.

Row 3: $E + R + D = 11$. Replace E with 7 and R with 3. Then $7 + 3 + D = 11$, and $D = 1$.

Solutions

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READY-X 31

$$\mathbf{R = 4 \quad E = 7 \quad A = 9 \quad D = 8 \quad Y = 5 \quad X = 6}$$

Possible Solution

All of Row 4 is in Column 3. Line up like variables and subtract.

$$\begin{array}{r} \mathbf{E + R + X + A = 26} \\ - \quad \mathbf{\underline{R + X + A = 19}} \\ \mathbf{E = 7} \end{array}$$

Row 2: $\mathbf{E + E + R = 18}$. Replace each \mathbf{E} with $\mathbf{7}$. Then $\mathbf{7 + 7 + R = 18}$, and $\mathbf{R = 4}$.

Column 1: $\mathbf{A + E + D + R = 28}$. Replace \mathbf{E} with $\mathbf{7}$ and \mathbf{R} with $\mathbf{4}$.

$$\text{Then } \mathbf{A + 7 + D + 4 = 28}$$
. Then $\mathbf{A + D = 17}$.

Row 3: $\mathbf{D + A + X = 23}$. Replace $\mathbf{(A + D)}$ with $\mathbf{17}$. Then $\mathbf{17 + X = 23}$, and $\mathbf{X = 6}$.

Row 4: $\mathbf{R + X + A = 19}$. Replace \mathbf{R} with $\mathbf{4}$ and \mathbf{X} with $\mathbf{6}$. Then $\mathbf{4 + 6 + A = 19}$, and $\mathbf{A = 9}$.

From Column 1: $\mathbf{A + D = 17}$. Replace \mathbf{A} with $\mathbf{9}$. Then $\mathbf{9 + D = 17}$, and $\mathbf{D = 8}$.

Row 1: $\mathbf{A + Y + E = 21}$. Replace \mathbf{A} with $\mathbf{9}$ and \mathbf{E} with $\mathbf{7}$. Then $\mathbf{9 + Y + 7 = 21}$, and $\mathbf{Y = 5}$.

READY-X 32

$$\mathbf{R = 9 \quad E = 3 \quad A = 6 \quad D = 7 \quad Y = 8 \quad X = 2}$$

Possible Solution

All of Row 3 is in Column 3. Line up like variables and subtract.

$$\begin{array}{r} Y + R + X + D = 26 \\ - \quad \underline{R + X + D = 18} \\ \hline Y = 8 \end{array}$$

Row 4: $D + Y + Y = 23$. Replace each Y with 8. Then $D + 8 + 8 = 23$, and $D = 7$.

Row 3: $R + X + D = 18$. Replace D with 7. Then $R + X + 7 = 18$, and $R + X = 11$.

Row 1: $A + X + R = 17$. Replace $(R + X)$ with 11. Then $A + 11 = 17$, and $A = 6$.

Column 1: $A + A + R + D = 28$. Replace each A with 6 and D with 7.

Then $6 + 6 + R + 7 = 28$, and $R = 9$.

From Row 3: $R + X = 11$. Replace R with 9. Then $9 + X = 11$, and $X = 2$.

Row 2: $A + E + X = 11$. Replace A with 6 and X with 2. Then $6 + E + 2 = 11$, and $E = 3$.

READY-X 33

$$\mathbf{R = 1 \quad E = 3 \quad A = 9 \quad D = 5 \quad Y = 4 \quad X = 2}$$

Possible Solution

All of Row 1 is in Column 3. Line up like variables and subtract.

$$\begin{array}{r} \mathbf{D + X + A + Y = 20} \\ - \quad \mathbf{\underline{X + A + Y = 15}} \\ \mathbf{D = 5} \end{array}$$

Row 3: $\mathbf{A + D + D = 19}$. Replace each \mathbf{D} with $\mathbf{5}$. Then $\mathbf{A + 5 + 5 = 19}$, and $\mathbf{A = 9}$.

Column 3: $\mathbf{Y + A + D + X = 20}$. Replace \mathbf{A} with $\mathbf{9}$ and \mathbf{D} with $\mathbf{5}$.

Then $\mathbf{Y + 9 + 5 + X = 20}$. Then $\mathbf{Y + X + 14 = 20}$. Then $\mathbf{Y + X = 6}$

Column 1: $\mathbf{X + R + A + Y = 16}$. Replace $\mathbf{(Y + X)}$ with $\mathbf{6}$, and \mathbf{A} with $\mathbf{9}$.

Then $\mathbf{6 + R + 9 = 16}$, and $\mathbf{R = 1}$.

Row 2: $\mathbf{R + Y + A = 14}$. Replace \mathbf{R} with $\mathbf{1}$ and \mathbf{A} with $\mathbf{9}$.

Then $\mathbf{1 + Y + 9 = 14}$, and $\mathbf{Y = 4}$.

From Column 3: $\mathbf{Y + X = 6}$. Replace \mathbf{Y} with $\mathbf{4}$. Then $\mathbf{4 + X = 6}$, and $\mathbf{X = 2}$.

Row 4: $\mathbf{Y + E + X = 9}$. Replace \mathbf{Y} with $\mathbf{4}$ and \mathbf{X} with $\mathbf{2}$.

Then $\mathbf{4 + E + 2 = 9}$, and $\mathbf{E = 3}$.

READY-X 34

$$\mathbf{R = 1 \quad E = 2 \quad A = 4 \quad D = 6 \quad Y = 3 \quad X = 7}$$

Possible Solution

All of Row 3 is in Column 3. Line up like variables and subtract.

$$\begin{array}{r} \mathbf{R + D + E + R = 10} \\ - \quad \mathbf{\underline{D + E + R = 9}} \\ \mathbf{R = 1} \end{array}$$

Column 3: $\mathbf{D + R + R + E = 10}$. Replace each R with 1.

$$\text{Then } \mathbf{D + 1 + 1 + E = 10}$$
. Then $\mathbf{D + E = 8}$.

Row 4: $\mathbf{E + D + E = 10}$. Replace $\mathbf{(D + E)}$ with 8. Then $\mathbf{E + 8 = 10}$, and $\mathbf{E = 2}$.

From Column 3: $\mathbf{D + E = 8}$. Replace E with 2. Then $\mathbf{D + 2 = 8}$, and $\mathbf{D = 6}$.

Row 1: $\mathbf{R + A + D = 11}$. Replace R with 1 and D with 6. Then $\mathbf{1 + A + 6 = 11}$, and $\mathbf{A = 4}$.

Column 2: $\mathbf{A + Y + E + D = 15}$. Replace A with 4, E with 2, and D with 6.

$$\text{Then } \mathbf{4 + Y + 2 + 6 = 15}$$
, and $\mathbf{Y = 3}$.

Row 2: $\mathbf{X + Y + R = 11}$. Replace Y with 3, and R with 1. Then $\mathbf{X + 3 + 1 = 11}$, and $\mathbf{X = 7}$.

READY-X 35

$$\mathbf{R = 4 \quad E = 7 \quad A = 8 \quad D = 3 \quad Y = 10 \quad X = 6}$$

Possible Solution

Columns 3 and 1 have three variables in common. Line up like variables and subtract.

$$\begin{array}{r} \mathbf{X + R + E + A = 25} \\ - \mathbf{X + R + E + D = 20} \\ \hline \mathbf{A - D = 5 \text{ or } A = D + 5} \end{array}$$

Row 4: $\mathbf{D + D + A = 14}$. Replace \mathbf{A} with $\mathbf{(D + 5)}$. Then $\mathbf{D + D + D + 5 = 14}$.

Then $\mathbf{3D + 5 = 14}$. Then $\mathbf{3D = 9}$, and $\mathbf{D = 3}$.

From subtraction of Column 1 from Column 3: $\mathbf{A = D + 5}$.

Replace \mathbf{D} with $\mathbf{3}$. Then $\mathbf{A = 3 + 5}$, and $\mathbf{A = 8}$.

Column 2: $\mathbf{Y + Y + Y + D = 33}$. Replace \mathbf{D} with $\mathbf{3}$. Then $\mathbf{Y + Y + Y + 3 = 33}$.

Then $\mathbf{3Y + 3 = 33}$. Then $\mathbf{3Y = 30}$, and $\mathbf{Y = 10}$.

Row 1: $\mathbf{R + Y + R = 18}$. Replace \mathbf{Y} with $\mathbf{10}$. Then $\mathbf{R + 10 + R = 18}$. Then $\mathbf{2R + 10 = 18}$.

Then $\mathbf{2R = 8}$, and $\mathbf{R = 4}$.

Row 2: $\mathbf{E + Y + E = 24}$. Replace \mathbf{Y} with $\mathbf{10}$. Then $\mathbf{E + 10 + E = 24}$. Then $\mathbf{2E + 10 = 24}$.

Then $\mathbf{2E = 14}$, and $\mathbf{E = 7}$.

Row 3: $\mathbf{X + Y + X = 22}$. Replace \mathbf{Y} with $\mathbf{10}$. Then $\mathbf{X + 10 + X = 22}$. Then $\mathbf{2X + 10 = 22}$.

Then $\mathbf{2X = 12}$, and $\mathbf{X = 6}$.

READY-X 36

$$\mathbf{R = 4 \quad E = 9 \quad A = 1 \quad D = 7 \quad Y = 3 \quad X = 8}$$

Possible Solution

All of Row 4 is in Column 2. Line up like variables and subtract.

$$\begin{array}{r} \mathbf{R + A + X + Y = 16} \\ - \quad \mathbf{\underline{A + X + Y = 12}} \\ \mathbf{R = 4} \end{array}$$

All of Row 1 is in Column 1. Line up like variables and subtract.

$$\begin{array}{r} \mathbf{A + D + R + E = 21} \\ - \quad \mathbf{\underline{D + R + E = 20}} \\ \mathbf{A = 1} \end{array}$$

Row 3: $\mathbf{R + A + X = 13}$. Replace R with 4 and A with 1. Then $\mathbf{4 + 1 + X = 13}$, and $\mathbf{X = 8}$.

Row 4: $\mathbf{A + X + Y = 12}$. Replace A with 1 and X with 8. Then $\mathbf{1 + 8 + Y = 12}$, and $\mathbf{Y = 3}$.

Row 2: $\mathbf{E + Y + E = 21}$. Replace Y with 3. Then $\mathbf{E + 3 + E = 21}$. Then $\mathbf{2E + 3 = 21}$.

Then $\mathbf{2E = 18}$, and $\mathbf{E = 9}$.

Row 1: $\mathbf{D + R + E = 20}$. Replace R with 4 and E with 9. Then $\mathbf{D + 4 + 9 = 20}$, and $\mathbf{D = 7}$.

READY-X 37

$$\mathbf{R = 6 \quad E = 10 \quad A = 8 \quad D = 7 \quad Y = 5 \quad X = 2}$$

Possible Solution

All of Row 2 is in Column 3. Line up like variables and subtract.

$$\begin{array}{r} A + X + D + E = 27 \\ - \quad \underline{X + D + E = 19} \\ \hline A = 8 \end{array}$$

All of Row 1 is in Column 2. Line up like variables and subtract.

$$\begin{array}{r} E + D + R + A = 31 \\ - \quad \underline{D + R + A = 21} \\ \hline E = 10 \end{array}$$

Row 4: $Y + A + E = 23$. Replace A with 8 and E with 10.

$$\text{Then } Y + 8 + 10 = 23, \text{ and } Y = 5.$$

Row 1: $R + D + A = 21$. Replace A with 8. Then $R + D = 13$.

Column 1: $R + D + X + Y = 20$. Replace $(R + D)$ with 13 and Y with 5.

$$\text{Then } 13 + X + 5 = 20, \text{ and } X = 2.$$

Column 3: $A + X + D + E = 27$. Replace A with 8, X with 2, and E with 10.

$$\text{Then } 8 + 2 + D + 10 = 27, \text{ and } D = 7.$$

From Row 1: $R + D = 13$. Replace D with 7. Then $R + 7 = 13$, and $R = 6$.

READY-X 38

$$R = 3 \quad E = 10 \quad A = 2 \quad D = 6 \quad Y = 8 \quad X = 4$$

Possible Solution

All of Row 2 is in Column 3. Line up like variables and subtract.

$$\begin{array}{r} D + X + A + X = 16 \\ - \quad \underline{X + A + X = 10} \\ \hline D = 6 \end{array}$$

Row 1: $A + A + D = 10$. Replace D with 6. Then $2A + 6 = 10$. Then $2A = 4$, and $A = 2$.

Column 3: $D + X + A + X = 16$. Replace D with 6 and A with 2.

Then $6 + X + 2 + X = 16$. Then $2X + 8 = 16$. Then $2X = 8$, and $X = 4$.

Row 3: $X + R + A = 9$. Replace X with 4 and A with 2. Then $4 + R + 2 = 9$, and $R = 3$.

Column 1: $A + A + X + Y = 16$. Replace each A with 2 and X with 4.

Then $2 + 2 + 4 + Y = 16$, and $Y = 8$.

Row 4: $Y + E + X = 22$. Replace Y with 8 and X with 4. Then $8 + E + 4 = 22$, and $E = 10$.

READY-X 39

$$R = 10 \quad E = 8 \quad A = 9 \quad D = 3 \quad Y = 4 \quad X = 6$$

Possible Solution

All of Row 1 is in Column 1. Line up like variables and subtract.

$$\begin{array}{r} D + D + R + A = 25 \\ - \quad \underline{D + R + A = 22} \\ \hline D = 3 \end{array}$$

Row 2: $D + Y + Y = 11$. Replace D with 3. Then $3 + 2Y = 11$. Then $2Y = 8$, and $Y = 4$.

Column 3: $A + Y + Y + X = 23$. Replace each Y with 4. Then $A + 4 + 4 + X = 23$.

$$\text{Then } A + X + 8 = 23. \text{ Then } A + X = 15.$$

Row 4: $A + E + X = 23$. Replace $(A + X)$ with 15. Then $E + 15 = 23$, and $E = 8$.

Row 1: $D + R + A = 22$. Replace D with 3. Then $3 + R + A = 22$. Then $R + A = 19$.

Column 2: $R + Y + X + E = 28$. Replace Y with 4 and E with 8. Then $R + 4 + X + 8 = 28$.

$$\text{Then } R + X = 16$$

From Row 1: $R + A = 19$. From Column 2: $R + X = 16$. Line up like variables and subtract.

$$\begin{array}{r} R + A = 19 \\ - \quad \underline{R + X = 16} \\ \hline A - X = 3 \quad \text{or} \quad A = X + 3 \end{array}$$

Row 4: $A + E + X = 23$. Replace A with $(X + 3)$ and E with 8.

$$\text{Then } X + 3 + 8 + X = 23. \text{ Then } 2X + 11 = 23. \text{ Then } 2X = 12, \text{ and } X = 6$$

From Column 2: $R + X = 16$. Replace X with 6. Then $R + 6 = 16$, and $R = 10$.

From Row 1: $R + A = 19$. Replace R with 10. Then $10 + A = 19$, and $A = 9$.

READY-X 40

$$\mathbf{R = 1 \quad E = 7 \quad A = 4 \quad D = 9 \quad Y = 6 \quad X = 5}$$

Possible Solution

Columns 1 and 2 have three variables in common. Line up like variables and subtract.

$$\begin{array}{r} \mathbf{X + R + E + E = 20} \\ - \mathbf{X + R + E + Y = 19} \\ \hline \mathbf{E - Y = 1 \text{ or } Y = E - 1} \end{array}$$

Row 3: $\mathbf{E + E + Y = 20}$. Replace \mathbf{Y} with $\mathbf{(E - 1)}$. Then $\mathbf{E + E + E - 1 = 20}$.

Then $\mathbf{3E = 21}$, and $\mathbf{E = 7}$.

Row 3: $\mathbf{E + E + Y = 20}$. Replace each \mathbf{E} with $\mathbf{7}$. Then $\mathbf{7 + 7 + Y = 20}$, and $\mathbf{Y = 6}$.

Row 4: $\mathbf{Y + E + A = 17}$. Replace \mathbf{Y} with $\mathbf{6}$ and \mathbf{E} with $\mathbf{7}$. Then $\mathbf{6 + 7 + A = 17}$, and $\mathbf{A = 4}$.

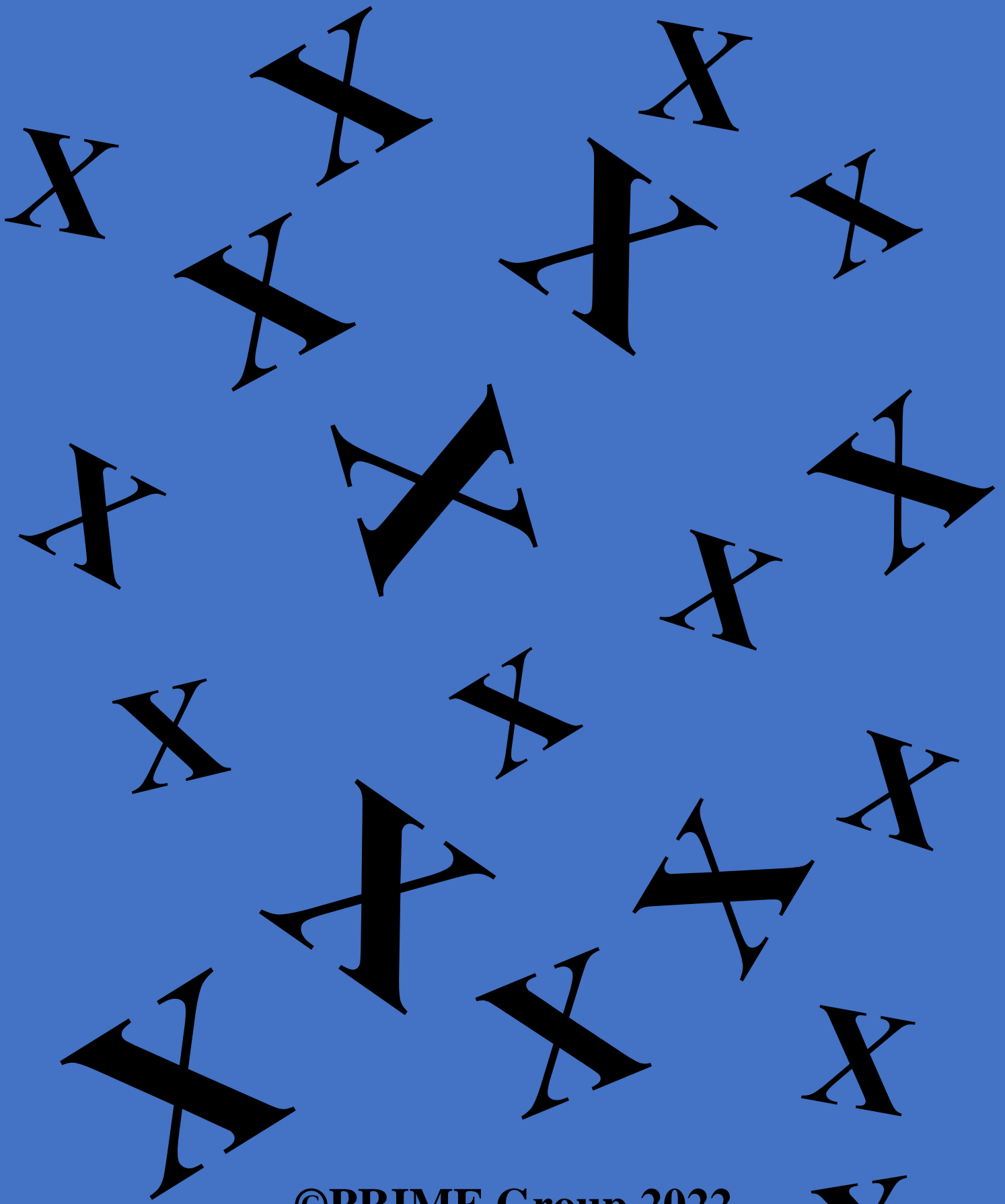
Row 1: $\mathbf{X + X + A = 14}$. Replace \mathbf{A} with $\mathbf{4}$. Then $\mathbf{X + X + 4 = 14}$. Then $\mathbf{2X = 10}$, and $\mathbf{X = 5}$.

Column 3: $\mathbf{A + D + Y + A = 23}$. Replace each \mathbf{A} with $\mathbf{4}$ and \mathbf{Y} with $\mathbf{6}$.

Then $\mathbf{4 + D + 6 + 4 = 23}$, and $\mathbf{D = 9}$.

Row 2: $\mathbf{R + R + D = 11}$. Replace \mathbf{D} with $\mathbf{9}$. Then $\mathbf{R + R + 9 = 11}$. Then $\mathbf{2R + 9 = 11}$.

Then $\mathbf{2R = 2}$, and $\mathbf{R = 1}$.



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