



## CONUNDRA

## DEATH BY DEDUCTION

CLUES

I) If '*Tease*' was TT, '*Beat*' was Bt and '*Exceed*' was XCd ...

III) The seven-letter word is not a proper noun – it doesn't refer to any person. The answer is just a commonly used word that is referred to by the clue.

IV) It is not necessary that you *logically* compute the value of 'n'. You might use other means too. (However, there are points for observing the 'pattern'.)

V) Remember, the answer's just two letters and everything in the sketch points to it. (One of the objects in the cover image of the problem statement might remind you of this word.)

The points marked as '*one week*' and '*approximately*' are two specific days in a year. Finding these will take you quite close to the two-letter word.

As for the missing piece, write the products of the numbers in each pair of opposite sectors in a sequence – the sequence too stands for the two-letter word!

VII) It is a kind of substitution cipher but with a one-many mapping. Consider the various combinations and logically choose the one that makes sense in English.

In case, you have solved V and VI, it is not very hard to notice the connection and solve this challenge. Psst... look for a seven-letter object in the cover image and you're done.

VIII) The connecting word – a six-letter word – is surprisingly simple. Really. (For a start, try jumbling the name of the lake in the North.)

Some words are placed specifically along the double-lined path. When the words 'encrypted' in each of them, are listed in the order by which you encounter them (along the direction that is specified), you will observe a set of words that you see almost daily, elsewhere, in the same order.

IX) In case you've obtained the list of four words, but find the eighth challenge too hard to crack, send us the list before the deadline. If two or more of them are right, you'll be given appropriate hints to solve this challenge.

Don't forget to look for hidden hyperlinks in the clues sets! Good luck!