

Home Base, Part A

Beginning problems about numbers in various bases.

If you haven't already practiced, take an opportunity now.

Geogebra link: <https://tube.geogebra.org/m/1529377>

Geogebra link: <https://tube.geogebra.org/m/1527705>

Note: The “free response” answers are not checked for accuracy. To optimize your learning, submit your own answer before revealing the hint.

Problem 1 To optimize my learning, I plan to my own answer (before ✓/ after) revealing the .

Problem 2 Explain why the following “joke” is “funny:” There are 10 types of people in the world. Those who understand base two and those who don't.

Free Response: **Hint:** In base two, 10 is actually two. So people who do not understand base two will not get the joke.

Problem 3 You meet some Tripod aliens, they tally by threes. Thankfully for everyone involved, they use the symbols 0, 1, and 2.

(a) Demonstrate how a Tripod would count, beginning at 11.

11, , , , , , , ,
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(b) What number comes immediately before 10?

(c) Before 210?

(d) Before 20110? Explain your reasoning.

Problem 4 You meet some people who tally by sevens. They use the symbols O, A, B, C, D, E , and F , in that order. (Note: Although it is common to use the letters A through F for digits greater than ten, these people are doing something different.)

- (a) What do the individual symbols O, A, B, C, D, E , and F mean? (Note O is not 0.)

Free Response: **Hint:** 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, respectively.

- (b) Demonstrate how to count from DD to AOC ? (Note: Case matters.)

$DD, \boxed{DE}, \boxed{DF}, \boxed{EO}, \boxed{EA},$
 $\boxed{EB}, \boxed{EC}, \boxed{ED}, \boxed{EF}, \boxed{FO},$
 $\boxed{FA}, \boxed{FB}, \boxed{FC}, \boxed{FD}, \boxed{FE},$
 $\boxed{FF}, \boxed{AOO}, \boxed{AOA}, \boxed{AOB}, \boxed{AOC}$

- (c) What number comes immediately before AO ? \boxed{F}

- (d) Before ABO ? \boxed{AAF}

- (e) Before $EOFFA$? \boxed{EOFFO}

Problem 5 Now, suppose that you meet a hermit who tallies by thirteens. Demonstrate the hermit's counting below.

$8, 9, \boxed{A}, \boxed{B}, \boxed{C}, \boxed{10}, \boxed{11}, \boxed{12}, \dots,$
 $18, \boxed{19}, \boxed{1A}, \boxed{1B}, \boxed{1C}, \boxed{20}, \boxed{21}$