

DM - Book Activities - Week 1

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Rewrite each set using the listing method:

1. The set of months that begins with the letter A.

Answer: $A = \{\text{April, August}\}$

2. The set of letters of the word GOOGOL.

Answer: $A = \{G, O, L\}$

3. The set of months with exactly 31 days.

Answer: $A = \{\text{January, March, May, July, August, October, December}\}$

4. The set of solutions of the equation:

$$x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0$$

$$=(x-3)(x-2)$$

$$x-3=0$$

$$\cancel{x-3}+\cancel{3}=\emptyset+3$$

$$\mathbf{x=3}$$

$$x-2=0$$

$$\cancel{x-2}+\cancel{2}=\emptyset+2$$

$$\mathbf{x=2}$$

Answer: $A = \{3, 2\}$

Rewrite each set using the set-builder notation.

5. The set of integers between 0 and 5.

Answer: $A = \{x | x \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } 0 < x < 5\}$

6. The set of January, February, May, and July.

Answer: $A = \{x | x \text{ is a month name ending in "y"}\}$

7. The set of all members of the United Nations.

Answer: $A = \{x | x \text{ is all members of the United Nations}\}$

8. $\{\text{Asia, Australia, Antarctica}\}$

Answer: $A = \{x | x \text{ is Asia, Australia, Antarctica}\}$

Mark each as true or false.

13. $a \in \{alfa\}$

Answer: FALSE

14. $b \subseteq \{a, b, c\}$

Answer: FALSE

$b \in \{a, b, c\}$ but $b \not\subseteq \{a, b, c\}$ because $a, b, c \subseteq \{a, b, c\}$

15. $\{x\} \subseteq \{x, y, z\}$

Answer: TRUE

16. $\{0\} = \emptyset$

Answer: FALSE

Zero is not equal to an empty set.

17. $0 \in \emptyset$

Answer: FALSE

Zero is not an element of an empty set.

18. $\{\emptyset\} = 0$

Answer: FALSE

An empty set is not equal to 0.

19. $\{\emptyset\} = \emptyset$

Answer: FALSE

An empty set is not equal to empty set.

20. $\emptyset \subseteq \emptyset$

Answer: TRUE

An empty set is a subset of any set.

21. $\emptyset \in \{\emptyset\}$

Answer: TRUE

An empty set is an element of an empty set.

22. $\{x | x \neq x\} = \emptyset$

Answer: TRUE

$\{x \neq x\} = \{\} = \emptyset$

23. $\{x, y\} = \{y, x\}$

Answer: TRUE

24. $\{x\} \in \{\{x\}, y, z\}$

Answer: TRUE

To avoid confusion, I am noting: $\{x\}$ is an element of $\{\{x\}, y, z\}$ but not an element of $\{x, y, z\}$ and $\{x\}$ is a subset of $\{x, y, z\}$

25. \emptyset is a subset of every set.

Answer: TRUE

26. Every set is a subset of itself.

Answer: TRUE

27. Every nonempty set has at least two subsets.

Answer: TRUE

The \emptyset and another element.

Find the power set of each set.

30. \emptyset

Answer: $P(\emptyset) = \{\emptyset\}$

31. $\{a\}$

Answer: $P(\{a\}) = \{\{\}, \{a\}\}$

32. $\{a, b, c\}$

Answer: $P(\{a, b, c\}) = \{\{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, \{\}\}$

$\{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, \{\}$

In Exercises 41-44, a language L over $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$ is given. Find five words in each language.

41. $L = \{x \in \Sigma^* | x \text{ begins with } a \text{ and ends in } b.\}$

Answer: $L = \{bab, bbabb, baab, bbaab, baaaab\}$

42. $L = \{x \in \Sigma^* | x \text{ contains exactly one } b.\}$

Answer: $L = \{ba, aba, ab, aaab, baa\}$

43. $L = \{x \in \Sigma^* | x \text{ contains an even number of } a\text{'s}.\}$

Answer: $L = \{baa, baaaab, aaaaaabb, aaaaaaabb, bbaabbaabbaabbaaa\}$

44. $L = \{x \in \Sigma^* | x \text{ contains an even number of } a\text{'s followed by an odd number of } b\text{'s}.\}$

Answer: $L = \{aab, aaaabbb, aaaaaabbbbb, aaaaaaaabbbbbbb, aaaaaaaaaabbbbbbbbbb\}$