

# Counting Puzzles

## Practice

*Orders and handshakes.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Think:** Every handshake is counted twice if you count per person — so divide by 2.

### 1. Solve each one. Reason it out!

1) In how many different orders can you arrange 3 different stickers in a strip? \_\_\_\_\_

3) A party menu has 4 starters, 2 mains, and 2 desserts. How many different three-course meals are possible?  
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5) In how many different orders can you arrange 3 different flags on a pole? \_\_\_\_\_

7) In how many different orders can you arrange 3 different toys on a shelf? \_\_\_\_\_

9) 5 friends each shake hands with every other one exactly once. How many handshakes happen? \_\_\_\_\_

2) In how many different orders can you arrange 3 different photos in a row? \_\_\_\_\_

4) A menu has 5 starters, 5 mains, and 3 desserts. How many different three-course meals are possible?  
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6) A school-lunch menu has 3 starters, 2 mains, and 4 desserts. How many different three-course meals are possible? \_\_\_\_\_

8) A shop sells 3 kinds of shirts and 3 kinds of pairs of pants. How many one-of-each combinations are there?  
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10) 5 cousins each shake hands with every other one exactly once. How many handshakes happen? \_\_\_\_\_