Alphabetical Order

Neetu Nair, Ashish Arora, Sameer Patel and **Harpreet Hooda** all study in the same class. Their day begins with the teacher calling out their names from the register kept for the rollcall.

Can you guess how the teacher has arranged their names in the class register?

1. Write their names in the order that will be called out by the teacher.

a. Ashish Arora

b. Harpreet Hooda

c. Neetu Nair

d. Sameer Patel

How did you guess the order? Yes, by arranging them according to the first letter of their names. This is known as the **alphabetical order**.

Words in the dictionary and names in the telephone directory also use the **alphabetical order**.

If you see the mobile phone of your father or mother, you will find the names arranged in the alphabetical order too!

Of course, to be good at the alphabetical order, you have to know the letters of the alphabet well. But I am sure you know the alphabet by heart, don't you?

2. **Arrange the names of the following animals in the correct alphabetical order.**

beaver zebra walrus monkey iguana yak horse dog rat snake

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How do you arrange two words beginning with the same letter in the alphabetical order? Well, you look at the second letter in the word.

For example, look at the words **pot** and **pit**. Both begin with the letter **p**. Which word, do you think, should be written first? Yes, according to the alphabetical order, we should first write **pit** and then **pot** because **i** comes before **o**.

3. **Arrange the following words in the correct alphabetical order. Don't worry if you don't know the meaning of the words. Just arrange them alphabetically.**

contentment pleasure glee delight exhilaration ecstasy cheerfulness

a. Cheerfulness
b. Contentment
c. Delight
d. Ecstasy
e. Exhilaration
f. glee
g. Pleasure

4. **Now, look up the meaning of these words in the dictionary. You will find that they are all synonyms of one word. What is that word? Write your answer here.**

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