

## Conditions

If you have 11 letters, assuming any combination of the letters makes a word, and letters can be used more than once, how many 1 letter words? 3 letter words? 4 letter words? 6 letter words? 11 letter words?

## Solution

- 1) There are 11 letters and one-lettered words. The one-lettered words can be constructed in 11 different ways.
- 2) There are 11 letters and three-lettered words. They can be constructed by taking 1<sup>st</sup> letter in 11 ways, then taking 2<sup>nd</sup> letter in 10 ways and 3<sup>rd</sup> – in 9 ways. So there are  $11 \cdot 10 \cdot 9 = 990$  words.
- 3) 4 letter words –  $11 \cdot 10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8 = 7920$
- 4) 11 letter words –  $11 \cdot 10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 = 11! = 39916800$  words