

# The Answer Is...

**Grade level:** any grade where students can write numbers and perform operations

**Time Frame:** at least 5 minutes, ideally more like 15, conceivably 30+

**Materials:**

- Something to **write with** and **on**. (*e.g. paper and pencil, whiteboard and dry erase marker, etc.*)
- Optional: a timer

**Planning:**

- Choose an operation, and an "answer."

**Procedure:**

- Distribute things to write with and on.
- Announce the operation (e.g. subtraction, multiplication, etc.)
- Announce the answer. "The answer is..."
- Set timer. When timer goes off, students must finish the expression they are working on and stop writing.
- Students choose 10 of their favorite expressions to share.
- Students break off into small groups to calculate points -- 1 for every unique expression within their group.