

In 1 Minute

You need: a partner
a way to time 1 minute

While your partner times 1 minute, write the letters of the alphabet. (If you get to "z" before time is up, start over with "a.")

Repeat, this time writing numerals, starting with "1" and continuing until time is called.

Switch so your partner writes letters and numerals while you keep time.

Each of you counts the number of letters and numerals you wrote. See if you wrote more letters or more numerals, and figure how many more. Record your results.

Compare results with your partner.

Extension: Predict how many letters and numerals you think you would write in half a minute. Time each other to test your estimates. Compare your results with your 1-minute data. Write about what you notice.