

The answer is B - 2,800,000

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# Outrageous Blunders

Mistakes are made, but they become truly outrageous with gross inattention to detail.

## Insane Homework

How did these questions show up on homework for third graders in Washington, D.C., and Norcross, Georgia? See if you can get any right without running screaming from the classroom.

1) **Brian, a brave member** of a SWAT team in California, had a terribly busy week last week. He had to work for seven whole days. He killed 163 ter-

rorists, 296 murderers, and 206 arsonists. How many criminals did he kill on average each day?

2) **If Frederick got two beatings per day**, how many beatings did he get in one week? Two weeks?

3) **Each tree has 56 oranges**. If eight slaves pick them equally, then how many would each slave pick?

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## Double Voting Trouble

A REPORT FROM THE PEW CENTER reveals that there are both too many people registered to vote and not enough. While 1.8 million deceased Americans are listed as active voters, and 2.8 million are registered in two or more states, 51 million eligible voters are not registered, and in 2008, 2.2 million votes were lost because of registration problems.

The report highlights just how sloppy our electoral system is. Whereas most countries rely on a centralized database, in the United States, each state manages its own voter rolls, relying on individuals to keep them up-to-date, which doesn't always happen. The Pew report, says the *New York Times*, "urged administrators to make greater use of data-matching technologies and to look to motor vehicle records, Social Security death records, and the Postal Service's change of address database" to fix the inaccuracies.

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