

# Alphacipher

The numbers 1–26 have been allocated randomly to the letters of the alphabet. The letter values of the words have been added together to give the word values. For example, in SHUTE, S might equal 6, H 2, U 8, T 12 and E 9, or any other combination of five numbers totalling 37. The theme this time is WRITERS. What is the value of X?

<b>ANGELOU</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>LESSING</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>ATWOOD</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>NESBIT</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>BALZAC</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>PARKER</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>BRAINE</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>POTTER</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>CONRAD</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>PROUST</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>EVELYN</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>QUENEAU</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>FORESTER</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>RANSOME</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>GASKELL</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>RENAULT</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>GOGOL</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>SALINGER</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>HAMSUN</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>SHUTE</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>HELLER</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>SYMONS</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>JEROME</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>WALTON</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>KAFKA</b>	<b>74</b>		

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X=19 (A5 B9 C16 D13 E3 F22  
G14 H20 I11 J24 K21 L1 M10  
N12 O6 P15 Q25 R7 S2 T8 U4  
V26 W17 Y18 Z23)

