The year 2021 is made up of two consecutive numbers: 20 and 21. Below are clues to other pairs of consecutive numbers. However, every clue has a blank. First, complete each clue by filling in the blank with a word from the List. Then, write the number that the clue describes. Last, write the pairs of consecutive numbers at the bottom. One pair has been completed, as an example.

**List** *(Use these words to fill in the blanks in the Clues.)*

- average
- backwards
- century
- clues
- dots
- highest
- legs
- less
- letters
- months
- more
- planets
- sides
- strings
- sum
- years

**Clues**

1. The number that is one **more** than a dozen = **13**
2. The number of _______ that three spiders have = ___
3. The number of _______ in the solar system (not counting Pluto) = ___
4. The number of _______ before z in the alphabet = ___
5. The number of _______ that 33 triangles have = ___
6. The number of _______ on a guitar = ___
7. The **sum** of 7+7 = **14**
8. The number of _______ in this puzzle = ___
9. The number of _______ that come before June each year = ___
10. The number of years in a _______ = ___
11. The _______ number that has only one syllable = ___
12. The number that is one _______ than a dozen = ___
13. The total number of _______ on two dice = ___
14. The number of _______ a person is a teenager = ___
15. The _______ of 15 and 19 = ___
16. Counting _______ from 50, the eighth number = ___ **50, 49, 48 ...**

**Pairs of Consecutive Numbers** *(These can be written in any order.)*

**13** and **14**
___ and ___
___ and ___
___ and ___
___ and ___
___ and ___
___ and ___
___ and ___
___ and ___

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### Answers to The Lighter Side

... 20, 21 ...

**Clues**

1. more = 11
2. legs = 24
3. planets = 8
4. letters = 25
5. sides = 99
6. strings = 6
7. sum = 14
8. clues = 16
9. months = 5
10. century = 100
11. highest = 12
12. less = 11
13. dots = 42
14. years = 7
15. average = 17
16. backwards = 43

**Pairs of Consecutive Numbers**

- 5 and 6
- 7 and 8
- 11 and 12
- 13 and 14
- 16 and 17
- 24 and 25
- 42 and 43
- 99 and 100

**Note:** The next year that contains consecutive numbers will be 2121!

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