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# WORLD SOFTBALL DAY!



World Softball Day, celebrated on June 13th, is a day to honor and promote the sport of softball, encouraging participation and appreciation of this dynamic and inclusive game, which fosters teamwork, fitness, and global camaraderie.

**Directions:** Use your math skills to find the value of each icon and the '?' in the puzzle below.

$$\text{Softball} + \text{Softball} + \text{Softball} = 12$$

$$\text{Player} = \text{Softball} + \text{Softball}$$

$$\text{Player} - \text{Helmet} = 2$$

$$\text{Softball} + \text{Helmet} + \text{Player} = ?$$

My Answer: ? = \_\_\_\_\_

Answer Key:

Softball=4

Batter=8

Helmet=2

**?=14**

**Fun Fact:** Softball was originally invented in 1887 in Chicago as an indoor game. It began as a winter version of baseball, using a tied-up boxing glove as a ball and a broomstick as a bat. The game was initially called "indoor baseball" and later evolved into the outdoor sport known as softball, gaining popularity particularly for its adaptability to smaller fields and its inclusiveness for players of various skill levels.