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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

Valentine's Day, celebrated on February 14th each year, is a day of love and affection where people express their feelings through gifts, cards, and gestures, often symbolized by hearts, chocolates, and flowers, dedicated to celebrating love in its many forms.

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

$$28 = \text{purple gift} + \text{strawberry} + \text{strawberry}$$

$$\text{purple gift} + \text{blue vase} + \text{purple gift} = 36$$

$$\text{strawberry} - \text{blue card} = \text{blue card}$$

$$\text{blue vase} = \text{purple gift}$$

$$\text{purple gift} + \text{blue card} + \text{blue vase} + \text{strawberry} = ?$$

My Answer: ? = _____

Answer Key:

Box of Chocolates=12

Love Potion=12

Chocolate Strawberry=8

Love Letter=4

?=36

Fun Fact: Valentine's Day is believed to have originated from the ancient Roman festival of Lupercalia, celebrated in mid-February. This festival, which involved rituals for fertility and the pairing of women with men by lottery, was later transformed by the Catholic Church into a day celebrating St. Valentine, a martyr who, according to legend, sent the first 'Valentine' greeting to a young woman while he was in prison, signing it "From your Valentine." This marked the beginning of the tradition of expressing love and affection to others on this day.