

**2012 MAΘ National Convention****Alpha Bowl: Question 1**

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$B$  = the number of distinct groupings of eight students into four pairs of two students

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