I started doing this problem almost 30 years ago with my students, but I now see that it is a common problem. So much for my originality.

Let each letter in the alphabet be given a value with the first letter being worth 1 and the next letter being worth 2 , all the way to the last letter of the alphabet being worth 26. Find 4 real words whose letters add up to 100.
For example, the words printer, thirty, and excellent are all words that add up to 100 . Obviously you can't use those as your choices.

I have given you the values below to save you time from listing them all out.

| A=1 | $\mathbf{N}=\mathbf{1 4}$ |
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| $\mathbf{B}=\mathbf{2}$ | $\mathbf{O}=\mathbf{1 5}$ |
| $\mathbf{C}=\mathbf{3}$ | $\mathbf{P}=\mathbf{1 6}$ |
| $\mathbf{D}=\mathbf{4}$ | $\mathbf{Q}=\mathbf{1 7}$ |
| $\mathbf{E}=\mathbf{5}$ | $\mathbf{R}=\mathbf{1 8}$ |
| $\mathbf{F}=\mathbf{6}$ | $\mathbf{S}=\mathbf{1 9}$ |
| $\mathbf{G}=\mathbf{7}$ | $\mathbf{T}=\mathbf{2 0}$ |
| $\mathbf{H}=\mathbf{8}$ | $\mathbf{U}=\mathbf{2 1}$ |
| $\mathbf{I}=\mathbf{9}$ | $\mathbf{V}=\mathbf{2 2}$ |
| $\mathbf{J}=\mathbf{1 0}$ | $\mathbf{W}=\mathbf{2 3}$ |
| $\mathbf{K}=\mathbf{1 1}$ | $\mathbf{X}=\mathbf{2 4}$ |
| $\mathbf{L}=\mathbf{1 2}$ | $\mathbf{Y}=\mathbf{2 5}$ |
| $\mathbf{M}=\mathbf{1 3}$ | $\mathbf{Z}=\mathbf{2 6}$ |

EXAMPLE: Printer $=16+18+9+14+20+5+18=100$

Your 4 words are

