## Problems of the Week

## Visual

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| :--- | :--- | :--- |
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|  |  |  |

Place the numbers $-5,-4$, $-3,-2,-1,0,1,2,3$ in the diagram's squares so that the sum along each row, column, and diagonal is -3 .


## Multi-Step

Which is the best buy? Why?


The club house floor is a rectangle that is $25^{\prime} \times 40^{\prime}$ in size. The officers voted to put a 6 -foot sidewalk all around the building, leaving a 2 -foot space for plants between the building and the sidewalk. Draw the sketch they might have used to explain their plan and give the perimeter of the outer edge of the sidewalk and the area of the sidewalk itself.


## What Do You Say?

Explain how to figure out how many liters are in a cubic meter.

Mental
*See answer key. This section should not be duplicated for the students.

1. Find $k: \frac{4}{7}=\frac{k}{35}$
2. What percent of 25 is 5 ?
3. $\frac{3}{4}(16+4)$
4. Jane marked up a $\$ 20$ shirt $50 \%$, what is the new price?
5. What is the volume of a cube with sides measuring 3 cm ?
6. $\left(-8 x^{2}\right)^{2}$
7. What is $33 \frac{1}{3} \%$ of 15 ?
8. $78 \div 100$
9. $14(0.01)$
10. Solve for $x: 4 x+1=21$.

## Keeping Skills Sharp

1. Solve for $x: x^{2}+18=9 \bullet 6$
2. $x+12=8$ Solve for $x$.
3. $-2.6 \cdot-8=$
4. Solve for $n: n-6=-10$
5. Write in standard form: $1.41 \times 10^{-7}$
6. Write the expression for 5 less than a number.
7. Solve for $y: \frac{1}{18} y=-10$
8. $\qquad$
9. $\qquad$
10. $70 \mathrm{~m}=$ $\qquad$ cm
11. Write as a percent: . 09
12. $-145 \div .25=$
13. $\qquad$
14. $\qquad$
15. $\qquad$
16. $\qquad$
17. $\qquad$
18. $\qquad$
19. $\qquad$
20. $\qquad$


Multi-Step
16 oz . is the best buy.
Geometry/Measurement


## Data/Investigations

150
25
312.5
$4 \quad 6.25$
$5 \quad 3.125$
$6 \quad 1.5625$
7 . 78125
This is a negative correlation. The probability decreases as the number of grandchildren increases.

## Problem-Solving Strategies

Answer: \$800 gain

## What Do You Say?

A cube with a meter as the length of each edge would have dimensions of 100 centimeters $\times 100$ centimeters $\times 100$ centimeters. A milliliter is the volume of one cubic centimeter. One cubic meter or $1,000,000$ cubic centimeters would hold $1,000,000$ milliliters. One liter is equivalent to 1,000 milliliters; therefore, a cubic meter would hold 1,000 liters.

Mental Math


1. 20
2. $20 \%$
3. 15
4. $\$ 30$
5. $27 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$
6. $64 x^{4}$
7. 5
8. 0.78
9. 0.14
10. $x=5$

## Keeping Skills Sharp

1. $-6,6$
2. -4
3. 20.8
4. -4
5. . 000000141
6. $x-5$
7. -180
8. $7,000 \mathrm{~cm}$
9. $9 \%$
10. -580

## Problems of the Week



If you fold this pattern into a cube, which letter is on the side that is opposite $\mathbf{B}$ ?


## Data/Investigations

## Multi-Step

When 45 people are polled, 32 of them say they like a new restaurant and the others said they did not like it. If this data were to be put in a pie chart, how many degrees would be in the angle that represents people who like the restaurant?

## Geometry/

Measurement

The formula for the area of a
trapezoid is $A=\frac{h}{2}\left(b_{1}+b_{2}\right) ; b_{1}$ and $b_{2}$ are the parallel sides. Find the area of the trapezoid shown.

A reporter is investigating restaurants. He gathered the following data:

Price of
Daily Special
\$4
5
5
6
6
7
8
8
10
12
15

Amount of Time to Wait for Service

15 minutes
10
12
8
10
7
7
6
5
6
7
Display the information on a scatter plot. What do you think the graph means?

## Problem-Solving Strategies

## Write an Equation

$\$ 1,200$ is divided among four sisters so that each gets $\$ 100$ more than her next-younger sister. How much will the youngest sister get?

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## What Do You Say?

To solve the equation:
$4(x-5)=3(4-x)+7$, what would you do first? Why?

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1. Solve for $x: \frac{x}{4}=-7$
2. Write 273 in scientific
3. What is 70 percent of 70 ? notation.
4. What is the LCM of 6 and
5. $\left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^{2}$ 8 ?
6. Evaluate $4 x^{3}-x$ if $x=-1$.
7. Solve for $L: \frac{3}{L}=\frac{6}{10}$
8. $4 \cdot 5-8 \div 2$
9. Solve for $x: 3 x+8=20$
10. Write 5,000 in scientific notation.

## Keeping Skills Sharp

1. Two quarts $=$ $\qquad$ ounces
2. Draw an acute angle and estimate its measure.
3. $6^{2} \cdot 6^{3}=$
4. Find the area:

5. How many minutes are in a day?
6. If there were 60 problems on a test and Betty got $90 \%$ of the problems correct, how many problems did she answer correctly?
7. Simplify: $2 x y(x-4 y)$
8. What is the GCF of 6 and 8 ?
9. List six multiples of 6 .
10. True or false: Perpendicular lines intersect at one point.

## Visual

Answer: E

## Multi-Step

Answer: 256 degrees.

## Geometry/Measurement

Answer: 924 square inches

## Data/Investigations

Answers will vary. It appears that the higher the price of the special, the less time it takes to be served. (Negative relationship)

## Problem-Solving Strategies

Answer:

$$
\begin{aligned}
x & =\text { youngest } \\
x+100 & =\text { next older } \\
x+200 & =\text { next older } \\
x+300 & =\text { oldest }
\end{aligned}
$$

$x+x+100+x+200+x+300=1,200$
Youngest gets $\$ 150$.

1. -28
2. $2.73 \times 10^{2}$
3. 24
4. -3
5. 5
6. 16
7. $x=4$
8. $5 \times 10^{3}$
9. 49


## ESSENTIALS

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10. $\frac{4}{25}$

## Keeping Skills Sharp

1. 64 oz
2. Answers will vary - less than $90^{\circ}$.
3. 7,776
4. 24 square miles
5. 1,440 minutes
6. 54
7. $2 x^{2} y-8 x y^{2}$
8. 2
9. Answers will vary. $\{0,6,12,18,24, \ldots\}$
10. True

## What Do You Say?

Answers may vary, but a good first step would be to distribute the 4 and the 3 so that it would be possible to combine like terms.

## Problems of the Week



## Multi-Step

Given any random 3-digit number, what is the probability that a number will be:
a) a multiple of 5
b) divisible by 2
c) a square number

## Geometry/ Measurement

A figurine is packaged in a box that has a hexagonal base with area of 12 square inches. The box is a prism. Given that the height of the box is five inches, what is the number of cubic inches in its volume?

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Arrange the dominoes into a square so that all sides equal the same sum.


## ESSENTIALS

## Data/Investigations

Find the amount of rain the state of North Carolina receives each year. About how much rain falls per month? How does North Carolina's montly rainfall compare with the monthly rainfall of your city?


## Problem-Solving Strategies

## Make a Simpler Problem

Unit 5 of a social studies book starts on page 126 and ends on page 241. How many pages are in the unit?

## What Do You Say?

In solving the equation,
$\frac{2}{3}(x-7)=18$
what would you do first? Why?
*See answer key. This section should not be duplicated for the students.

1. Write $3.1 \times 10^{4}$ in standard form.
2. Convert 500 meters to kilometers.
3. Multiply: $3(x+y)$
4. Convert 36 inches to feet.
5. Write $1,120,000$ in scientific notation.
6. Solve for $y: x^{2}=64$
7. Which fraction is larger: $\frac{5}{8}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$ ?
8. How many ounces in $3 \frac{1}{2}$ pounds?
9. What is $\frac{3}{4}$ of $\$ 1.00$ ?
10. What is $\frac{3}{4}$ of a dozen?

## Keeping Skills Sharp

1. $\left(2 \times 10^{2}\right)\left(2 \times 10^{3}\right)=$
2. Write $6.34 \times 10^{3}$ in standard form.
3. Solve for $x: \frac{x}{2}+3=10$
4. $3 x(x y+2 y)=$
5. What is a ratio and give an example?
6. Let $a=2, b=-3, c=5$. Find the value of $3 b+c$.
7. A quiz contains 8 questions. You get 7 correct. What percent did you get correct?
8. $\left(3 x y^{2}\right)^{2}=$
9. Find the mean of the following Fahrenheit temperature readings: $-6^{\circ}, 4^{\circ}, 2^{\circ}, 0^{\circ},-7^{\circ}, 6^{\circ},-4^{\circ}, 2^{\circ}$.
10. Write in standard notation:
11. $\qquad$ eighteen thousand and two hundredths.

Write answers here:
$\qquad$
2. $\qquad$
3. $\qquad$
4. $\qquad$
5. $\qquad$
6. $\qquad$
7. $\qquad$
8. $\qquad$
9.
$\qquad$
10.

## Visual



## Multi-Step

a) $\frac{180}{900}$
b) $\frac{450}{900}$
c) $\frac{22}{900}$

## Geometry/Measurement

Answer: 60 in $^{3}$

## Data/Investigations

Research will need to be done on the rainfall totals for the state and the local area.

## Problem-Solving Strategies

Answer: 116 pages

## What Do You Say?

Answers may vary, but a good first step would be to multiply both sides of the equation by either 3 or by $\frac{3}{2}$. This will clear the equation of fractions.

Mental Math

1. 31,000
2. 0.5 km
3. $3 x+3 y$
4. 3 feet
5. $1.12 \times 10^{6}$
6. $-8,8$
7. $\frac{3}{4}$
8. 56 oz .
9. $\$ .75$
10. 9


ESSENTIALS

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## Keeping Skills Sharp

1. $4 \times 10^{5}$
2. 6,340
3. $x=14$
4. $3 x^{2} y+6 x y$
5. Answers willA comparison of two quantities; ex. 3 to 4 .
6. -4
7. $87 \frac{1}{2} \%$
8. $9 x^{2} y^{4}$
9. -0.375
10. 18,000.02

## Problems of the Week

## 筦



The concentric circles shown have radii of $1,2,3$, and 4 . Express the area of the shaded regions, taken together, in terms of $\pi$.

The lengths of the sides of an $5 \mathrm{~m} \times 5 \mathrm{~m}$ square are increased by 3 m each. The area of the square has been increased by what percent? Express your answer to the nearest whole percent.

## Data/Investigations

At a diving competition, Jan's first dive received 9 scores that averaged 9.0. To calculate her final score for the dive, the highest and lowest scores were removed and the average was taken of the remaining seven scores. If her final score was 9.1, what was the sum of the two removed scores?

## Problem-Solving Strategies

Hugo arrives for a basketball game early and watches as the arena fills up. Every 15 minutes he notices about what percentage of the arena is filled. Here is what he saw: $(6: 00,2 \%)$, ( $6: 15,5 \%),(6: 30,10 \%),(6: 45,17 \%),(7: 00$, $26 \%$ ) If the arena continues filling as shown, about what percent will be full at $7: 30$ ? When will the arena be closest to $100 \%$ full?

A rectangular pan has dimensions
$8^{\prime \prime} \times 4$ " $\times 2 \frac{3}{5}$ ". Compute the volume of the pan. Express your answer as a decimal.

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## Geometry/ <br> Measurement



A store buys an item for a wholesale price, and marks the price up $25 \%$ to get a list price. Then the store has a $25 \%$ off sale. If you buy this item, will you be getting it for the wholesale price? More? Less? Explain.
2. Simplify: $k+12 k+23$
3. $y^{3} \cdot y^{3}$
4. $-3 \cdot-4 \cdot 5$
5. $|-5|$
6. $10^{2}-4^{3}$
7. $5+(-6) \cdot 4-2$
8. If $b=-12$, find the value of $b+6$.
9. Write in standard form: $3.1 \times 10^{3}$
10. If $a=3$ and $b=2$, find the value of $a^{2}-b^{2}$.

## Keeping Skills Sharp

1. $\frac{12 a^{2} b^{3}}{6 a^{2} b}$
2. Write in standard form $4.28 \times 10^{-3}$.
3. Write seven tenths as a fraction, decimal, and percent.
4. $? \cdot \frac{2}{3}=1$
5. $\frac{1}{4}+\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2}$
6. Write 2,352 in scientific notation.
7. $1,3,6,10 \ldots$

If this pattern continues, what would be the next number in the sequence?
8. $3 \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{2}{3}$
9. Six students had the following amounts:

35ф, 10ф, 25ф, 20ф, 20ф, 15ф
Find the range, mode, median, mean. Round to the nearest cent.
10. If $p=5$ and $s=12$, find the value of $2 s-3 p$.

## Visual

$\pi(2)^{2}-\pi(1)^{2}=$
$4 \pi-\pi=3 \pi$

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3 \pi+7 \pi=10 \pi
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$\pi(4)^{2}-\pi(3)^{2}=$
$16 \pi-9 \pi=7 \pi$

Multi-Step
Answer: 156\%

## Geometry/Measurement

Answer: 83.2 in $^{3}$

## Data/Investigations

Answer: 17.3

## Problem-Solving Strategies

Answer: The differences are increasing by 2 each time. The arena will be about $50 \%$ full at $7: 30$, and should be closest to $100 \%$ full at $8: 15$.

## What Do You Say?

You will pay less than wholesale since the store deducted $25 \%$ of a higher price and added $25 \%$ of a lower price.

## Answer Key <br> Mental Math

1. $m=126$
2. $13 k+23$
3. $y^{6}$
4. 60
5. 5
6. 36
7. -21
8. -6
9. 3,100
10. 5


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## Keeping Skills Sharp

1. $2 b^{2}$
2. . 00428
3. $\frac{7}{10}, .7,70 \%$
4. $\frac{3}{2}$
5. $\frac{5}{12}$
6. $2.352 \times 10^{3}$
7. 15
8. $\frac{26}{12}=2 \frac{2}{12}=2 \frac{1}{6}$
9. range: $25 \phi$, mode: $20 \phi$, median: $20 \phi$,
mean: $20 \frac{5}{6}$ or $21 \phi$
10. 9

## Problems of the Week

## Visual

A bug crawls around a circle with a radius of 3 cm and center point A．Another bug crawls around a circle with radius of 2 cm and a center at point B ．If the distance between A and B is 8 cm ，what is the shortest distance，in centimeters，that the bugs could be from one another？


ESSENTIALS

## Data／Investigations

## Multi－Step

After 45,000 miles on your car，you had your first set of tires checked and you were told $50 \%$ of the tread was gone．You were told to replace the tires when only $20 \%$ of the tread remains．Assuming constant wear，what will your mileage be when they need to be replaced？

## Geometry／ <br> Measurement

Ben buys a fish tank that is 44 cm by 40 cm by 31 cm ．He wants to put goldfish in the tank，and each fish will need $3,000 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ of water． What is the maximum number of goldfish he should put in the tank？

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Therecorded low temperatures for six consecutive days were $-3^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 4^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 1^{\circ} \mathrm{C},-2^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ， $-4^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and $-7^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ．Given that the average low for the week was $-2^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ，what was the low temperature in degrees Celsius on the seventh day？

## I

風気気 Problem－Solving Strategies

Jane was using cubes to build a model of a pyramid．The base was 10 cubes wide and 10 cubes long．The next layer was 9 cubes wide and 9 cubes long．For each succeeding layer she used 1 cube less for both the length and the width．How many cubes will be needed for the pyramid？


## What Do You Say？

When a rectangle is stretched so that the length and width are 3 times as big as they were before，what happens to the area？ Explain．


ESSENTIALS

1. $(2+1)^{3}+(6-4)^{2}$
2. Write 0.68 as a fraction.
3. $1^{14}=$ $\qquad$
4. If $n=7$, what is the value of $2 n+5$ ?
5. Name the next 3 terms:
$3,6,12,24$, $\qquad$ , $\qquad$ -
6. What number is $\frac{1}{10}$ less than 1 ?
7. If ribbon costs $5 \notin$ per inch, how much will you pay for one yard of ribbon?
8. Write $5 \frac{3}{4}$ as a decimal.
9. $9.274 \cdot 10^{4}$
10. $|-5+1|$

## Keeping Skills Sharp

1. Write $5^{3}$ in expanded form.
2. Solve for $x: \frac{x}{21}=\frac{.5}{1.5}$
3. $L_{\square}{ }^{2}+\int^{2}=25$
4. $0.5+0.3 \cdot 0.2=$
5. Estimate $27 \%$ as a fraction. Give the actual fraction in simplest form.
6. Name the factors of 48.
7. $0,0.7,1.4,2.1 \ldots$ What is the next number in the sequence?
8. Name the property illustrated by the following:
$5(x+2)=5 x+10$
9. Write as a decimal and fraction the number that represents 3 pennies as part of a dollar.
10. Solve for $a: \frac{6}{5}=\frac{a}{17.5}$
11. $\qquad$
12. $\qquad$
13. $\qquad$
14. $\qquad$
15. $\qquad$
16. $\qquad$
17. $\qquad$
18. $\qquad$
19. $\qquad$
20. $\qquad$


Answer: 3 cm

## Multi-Step

Answer: 72,000 miles

## Geometry/Measurement

Answer: 18 goldfish

## Data/Investigations

Answer: $-3^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$

## Problem-Solving Strategies

Answer: 385 cubes

## What Do You Say?

The area is nine times as great as before.


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8. 5.75
9. 92,740
10. 4

## Keeping Skills Sharp

1. $5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5$
2. 7
3. 3 and 4 or 4 and 3
4. . 56
5. $\frac{1}{4}, \frac{27}{100}$
6. $1,2,3,4,6,8,12,16,24,48$
7. 2.8
8. Distributive Property of Multiplication over Addition
9. $.03, \frac{3}{100}$
10. 21

## Problems of the Week

## Visual

Some unit cubes are placed side by side to form rectangular prisms. Find the surface area for the first five sets of cubes.


Write an expression for finding the surface area of any such prism from the number of cubes $n$.

## Data/Investigations

Find the rule that will give the second number if you know the first. Then fill in the rest of the table according to the rule.
A

| 8 | 3 |
| ---: | ---: |
| 15 | 10 |
| 30 | 25 |
| 50 |  |
| 25 |  |
|  | 100 |


| B | 20 |
| ---: | ---: |
| 6 | 24 |
| 10 | 40 |
| 8 |  |
|  | 100 |
|  | 60 |


| C 1 | 1 |
| ---: | ---: |
| 2 | 4 |
| 3 | 9 |
| 4 |  |
| 10 |  |
|  | 81 |


| D | 2 | 7 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 3 | 10 |  |
| 5 | 16 |  |
| 8 |  |  |
| 22 |  |  |
|  | 22 |  |

Tammy bought 16 cookies for a party.
She had 6 cookies decorated at an extra cost of 25 cents each. If the total cost of the cookies was $\$ 9.50$, how much did each plain cookie cost?

## Geometry/ Measurement

A right cylindrical soda can with a volume of $354 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ has a radius of 3 cm . Calculate the number of centimeters in the height of the can. Express your answer as a decimal to the nearest tenth.

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## Problem-Solving Strategies

## Finding A Pattern

Keisha is conditioning for the track team. On the first day, she ran 5 laps around the track. The second day she ran 6 laps. The third day she ran 8 , and on the fourth day she ran 11 . To continue this pattern, how many laps should she run on the seventh day? On which day will she reach her goal of 40 laps?

Explain the difference between prime and composite numbers. Give two examples of each. *See answer key. This section should not be duplicated for the students.

1. If $c=5$, find the value of $6 c+4$.
2. Write the expression for four more than x .
3. $1 \frac{1}{5}+2 \frac{1}{10}$
4. $-6.4 \div .2$
5. $-13+7$
6. $-122-16$
7. $-12 \cdot 6$
8. $3-(-6)$
9. Solve for $p: 5+p=-7$.
10. Solve for $n: \frac{n}{-4}=-5$.

## Keeping Skills Sharp

1. $|-6| \_-3$
( $\leq,>,=$ )
2. Graph the inequality: $x \geq 8$
3. Make a stem and leaf plot for the following set of scores: $64,88,71,68,82,87,75,91,89,83$
4. What is the value of 4 pennies, 3 nickels, 5 dimes and 7 quarters?
5. Find the volume of a rectangular pyramid with length 4 m , width 6 m , and height 11 m .
6. $\qquad$
7. $\qquad$
8. $\qquad$
9. $\qquad$
10. $\qquad$
11. $\qquad$
12. $3 \frac{1}{2}$ yards $=\ldots$ feet
13. Which is more, 20 quarts or 6 gallons?
14. What is the value of $x+y+5$ if $x=6$ and $y=15$ ?
15. How many days are in 624 hours?
16. Estimate by rounding $43.9 \bullet 37.5$. Find the actual answer.
17. $\qquad$
18. $\qquad$
19. $\qquad$
20. $\qquad$

## Visual

Figure Surface Area
16 square units
$2 \quad 10$ square units
314 square units
$4 \quad 18$ square units
$5 \quad 22$ square units
$n=$ number of cubes
SA $=4 n+2$

Multi-Step
Answer: 50ф

## Geometry/Measurement

Answer: 12.5 cm

## Data/Investigations

| A | 8 | 3 | B | 5 | 20 | C | 1 | 1 | D |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |

## Problem-Solving Strategies

Answer: 26; 9th day

## What Do You Say?

Prime number has two factors, one and itself. Composite number has more than two factors. Example: Prime number 2, 3, 5..., composite number $4,6,8 \ldots$


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## Keeping Skills Sharp

1. $|-6|>-3$
$2 . \longleftrightarrow \stackrel{\bullet}{8} \longleftrightarrow$
2. 

| 6 | 4,8 |
| :--- | :--- |
| 7 | 1,5 |
| 8 | $2,3,7,8,9$ |
| 9 | 1 |

4. $\$ 2.44$
5. $88 \mathrm{~m}^{3}$
6. $10 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{ft}$
7. 6 gallons
8. 26
9. 26 days
10. 1,600; 1,646.25

## Problems of the Week



Make three copies of this figure and fold them to make three pyramids. Then combine the pyramids to make a cube.


## Data/Investigations

Of one hundred students surveyed: 55 like basketball, 47 like football, 61 like baseball, 29 like baseball and football, 39 like football and basketball, 42 like basketball and baseball, 27 like all three sports. If a student is chosen at random, what is the probability that he likes no more than one sport?
inches. What is the least number of tiles that are needed to completely cover a square area that is 2 feet on each side?

## Geometry/ Measurement

What is the area of each piece if the whole square measures 20 cm on each side? Explain how you got your answer.


## Multi-Step

A ceramic tile measures 2 inches by 3

## Problem-Solving Strategies

A research team is planning to explore the

North Pole. Ten members of the team each have a dog team. There are 56 dogs in all. If there are only 7 - and 5-dog teams, how many of each will there be?


Write a scenario for the graph. Be sure to label the axes and use the information in your description.

## What Do You Say?



## ESSENTIALS

*See answer key. This section should not be duplicated for the students.

1. $|-5+(-10)|$
2. $-5 \frac{2}{3}+4 \frac{1}{3}$
3. $1.08 \times 10^{-4}$
4. $6 \cdot 9+3 \cdot 1+3$
5. Write $\frac{3}{8}$ as a percent.
6. $0.9+1.4$
7. $.2 \times 0.7$
8. Round 9.653 to the nearest hundredth.
9. $240 \mathrm{~kL}=$ $\qquad$ L
10. If $w=10$, find the value of $5 w \div 2$.

## Keeping Skills Sharp

1. Express this rate as a unit rate: 24 cards for $\$ 4.80$.
2. Solve the proportion: $\frac{2}{3}=\frac{x}{42}$
3. 4.406 $\qquad$ 4.4060
(<,>, =)
4. Find the circumference of a circle with a radius of 10.6 cm .
5. Find the sales tax on a $\$ 45$ sweater if the tax rate is $6 \%$. What is the total price?
6. With a $6 \%$ sales tax, how much tax will be charged on a $\$ 250$ purchase?
7. $\qquad$
8. $\qquad$
9. Joe made 12 out of 30 baskets. What percent of the baskets did he make?
10. $\qquad$
11. Find the perimeter of a rectangle that is $7 \frac{1}{2}$ in. by $4 \frac{3}{4}$ in.
12. $\qquad$
13. What is $43 \%$ of $\$ 62$ ?
14. $\qquad$
15. What is the GCF of 40 and 72 ?

| Visual Answe | Key | +BY |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Mental Math |  |
|  | 1. 15 | ESSENTIALS |
|  | 2. $-1 \frac{1}{3}$ |  |
|  | 3. .000108 | This section provides an |
| Multi-Step | 4. 60 | oral drill for sharpening one's mental computation. |
| Answer: 96 tiles | 5. $=$ | Before each session give these directions, "Number |
|  | 6. 2.3 | these directions, "Number your paper from 1 to 10 . |
|  | 7. . 14 | Write your answer as the questions are called out. |
|  | 8. 9.65 | Each question will be |
| Geometry/Measurement | 9. 240,000 |  |
| $400,200,100,50$ are the areas of the alternating white and black squares. The white triangles around the smallest black square each have an area of 12.5 . | 10. 25 |  |
| The black triangles around the smaller white square each have an area of 25 . The largest white triangles have an area of 50 . | Keeping Skills Sharp |  |
|  | 1. $\$ .20$ for one |  |
|  | 2. 28 |  |
| Data/Investigations | 3. $37 \frac{1}{2} \%$ |  |
| Answer: $\frac{44}{100}=\frac{11}{25}$ |  |  |
|  | 4. $\quad 66.568 \mathrm{~cm}$ |  |
|  | 5. $\$ 2.70, \$ 47.70$ |  |
|  | 6. $\$ 15.00$ |  |
|  | 7. $40 \%$ |  |
|  | 8. 24.5 inches |  |
| Problem-Solving Strategies | 9. $\$ 26.66$ |  |
| Answer: Three 7-dog teams and seven 5 -dog teams | 10. 8 |  |

## What Do You Say?

Answers will vary.
Ex. The graph could represent a car that was traveling at a constant speed, stops quickly, starts again, and accelerates to a higher constant speed. The vertical axis would represent the speed of the car and the horizontal axis would represent clock time.

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## Problems of the Week



How many squares are in the $5 \times 5$ square grid pictured?


## Multi-Step

## Use Colored Cubes

I have more than 9 but less than 16 cubes. There are half as many red as blue. There are two more green than blue. There is an odd number of yellow. What do I have?

## Data/Investigations

In 1991, the separation between goalpost uprights in college football changed from 23 feet 4 inches to 18 feet 6 inches. What percent reduction was this? (round to tenths)

## Problem-Solving Strategies

There are 25 red, blue, yellow and green marbles in a bag. If four of the marbles are blue and the probability of selecting a blue or green marble is $40 \%$, how many green marbles are in the bag?

Assume that the sides of triangles are limited to whole-number measures. How many different triangles have a perimeter of 12? Explain how you determined this.

## What Do You Say?

Explain the difference between an expression and an equation.

EsSENTIALS


1. Solve for $b: 5 b=-20$
2. $10 \div(-2) \cdot 3$
3. Write an equation for the following: a number divided by negative five is equal to three.
4. Solve for $s: s+(-4)=17$
5. Four times what number is 52 ?
6. 15 is what percent of 60 ?
7. List four multiples of 4.
8. List the factors of 18 .
9. Find the LCM of 4 and 6 .
10. $\frac{18}{?}=\frac{6}{7}$

## Keeping Skills Sharp

1. Name the property illustrated by the following: $1(x y)=x y$
2. Estimate the sum: $13.71+1.5+8.2$
3. The temperature is $5^{\circ}$ above $0^{\circ}$. If it drops $8^{\circ}$, what is the temperature after it drops?
4. 60 is $75 \%$ of what number?
5. Find the discount to the nearest cent: $\$ 28$ jeans on sale for $20 \%$ off.
6. $(-8)\left(2 \frac{1}{6}\right)=$
7. $(-0.73)(-2.5)=$
8. $\frac{3}{5} \cdot 8 \frac{2}{5}=$
9. Find the LCM for 12,18 , and 75.
10. Find the perimeter and area for the rectangle with length 52 km and width 20 km .
11. $\qquad$

## Visual

Answer: 55

## Multi-Step

Possible answers

| Red | Blue | Green | Yellow |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2 | 4 | 7 or 5 or 3 |
| 2 | 4 | 6 | 1 or 3 |

## Geometry/Measurement

Two sides of a triangle must have sum larger than the measure of the third side.

| 1 | 1 | 10 | X |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | 2 | 9 | X |
| 1 | 3 | 8 | X |

Solutions: $3,4,5 ; 2,5,5 ; 4,4,4$

## Data/Investigations

Answer: 20.7\%

## Problem-Solving Strategies

Answer: 6 green marbles

## What Do You Say?

An equation has an equal sign in it.

1. -4
2. -15
3. $\frac{n}{-5}=3$
4. $s=21$
5. 13
6. $25 \%$
7. Answers will vary. $\{0,4,8,12,16, \ldots\}$

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8. $\{1,2,3,6,9,18\}$
9. 12
10. 21

## Keeping Skills Sharp

1. Identity Property for Multiplication
2. 24
3. -3
4. 80
5. $\$ 5.60$
6. $-17 \frac{1}{3}$
7. 1.825
8. $\frac{126}{25}$ or $5 \frac{1}{25}$
9. 900
10. $P=144 \mathrm{k} ; A=1,040 \mathrm{sq} \mathrm{km}$

## Problems of the Week

 average summer temperature in Miami Beach was $82.5^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$.
Dates No. of Average July Temp.
Space Shots in Miami
1960-1964 6
1965-1968 10
$82.6^{\circ}$

1969-1975 12
$82.7^{\circ}$
Citizens of Miami were complaining that the space shots were causing a rise in temperature. What do you think of that conclusion?
After the first 41 games of the baseball season, the Red Sow have a winning percentage of . 586 and the Yankees have .515 . How many games behind the Red Sox are the Yankees?


## Geometry/ Measurement

An architect for the city of Minneapolis is drawing plans for a new city hall. The perimeter of the building in the scaled drawing is 25 inches. If each inch is equal to 10 feet, what is the actual perimeter of the city hall?

## What Do You Say?

Explain how you know how many square inches are in a square foot. How can you determine how many square centimeters are in a square meter?

1. Express the ratio in simplest form: 15 to 25
*See answer key. This section should not be duplicated for the students. Math
2. Write .67 as a fraction.
3. A common multiple of 5,6 , and 9 is $\qquad$ .
4. A number equivalent to $\frac{34}{10}$ is $\qquad$ .
5. Solve for $w: 5 w=60$.
6. Solve for $h: h+9=-16$.
7. $75 \%$ of $\$ 2,800.00$
8. Solve for $a: a+21=79$.
9. $5^{4}=$ $\qquad$
10. Simplify: $4 p^{2}+p+p^{2}-3 p$

## Keeping Skills Sharp

1. I'm thinking of a number. If I multiply it by 7 and add 23, the result is 107 . What is the number?
2. Round 12.996 to the nearest tenth, hundredth and whole number.
3. Solve for $r: r-3=14$.
4. Compare: 7.9 cm $\qquad$ 3 m
5. Find the next 3 numbers of the sequence: $1,1,2,3,5,8$, $\qquad$ , $\qquad$ , $\qquad$
6. $\qquad$
7. Find the mean and the median for the following Centigrade temperatures:

$$
25^{\circ}, 12^{\circ}, 30^{\circ}, 32^{\circ} \text {, and } 10^{\circ} .
$$

6. $\qquad$
7. $\qquad$
8. Write $18.75484848 \ldots$ as a repeating decimal.
9. Write $123,000,000,000$ in scientific notation.
10. $\qquad$
11. Find the area of a parallelogram with base of 15 meters and height of 12 meters.
12. $\qquad$
13. $16+10 \div 2+3=$
14. $\qquad$

## Visual <br> A 11 <br> B 37 <br> C 30

## Multi-Step

Answer: 3 games

## Geometry/Measurement

Answer: 250 feet

## Data/Investigations

Will vary, but it would be good to point out that just because two variables are related, it doesn't mean that one causes the other. Also, one might take into consideration what the natural variation of temperatures is. Perhaps such a small rise is not significant.

## Problem-Solving Strategies

A good strategy would be to draw a graph or look for a number pattern. In each decade of these data, the number of immigrants increased by 3 to 4 times as much as the previous decade. If this pattern continues, we might expect 1 to 1.5 million immigrants in the 1990s. It would also be a good time to discuss whether or not we can expect all established patterns to continue.

## What Do You Say?

144 square inches in a square foot ( $12 \mathrm{in} . \times 12 \mathrm{in}$.) 10,000 square centimeters in a square meter ( $100 \mathrm{~cm} \times 100 \mathrm{~cm}$ )

Mental Math
ESSENTIALS

1. $\frac{3}{5}$ or 3 to 5 or $3: 5$
2. $\frac{67}{100}$
3. $180,90,270$ are examples.
4. $3 \frac{2}{5} ; \frac{17}{5} ; 3.4$
5. 12
6. -25
7. $\$ 2,100.00$
8. 58
9. 625
10. $5 p^{2}-2 p$

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## Keeping Skills Sharp

1. 12
2. $13.0,13.00,13$
3. 17
4. <
5. $13,21,34$
6. mean: 21.8 , median: 25
7. $18.75 \overline{48}$
8. $1.23 \times 10^{11}$
9. $180 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$
10. 24
