

PROBLEM SOLVING 1

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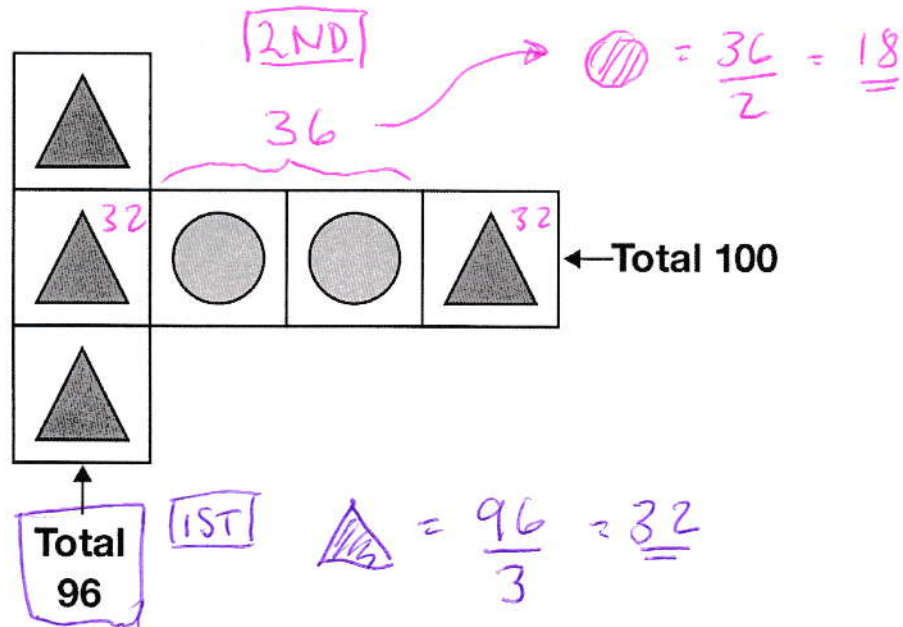
KS2 SATS

PRACTICE QUESTIONS BY TOPIC

1

Each shape stands for a number.

[2016]



Work out the **value** of each shape.

$$\triangle = \underline{32}$$

$$\bigcirc = \underline{18}$$

[2 marks]

2


n stands for a whole number.

[2014]

$2n$ is greater than 30 → n IS GREATER THAN 15

$5n$ is less than 100 → n IS LESS THAN 20

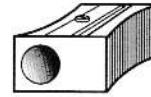
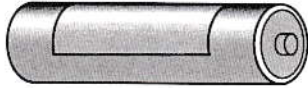
Write **all** the numbers that n stands for.

 16, 17, 18, 19

[1 mark]

3

[2009]




One battery weighs the same as **60** paperclips.

One pencil sharpener weighs the same as **20** paperclips.

[SO 3 SHARPENERS SAME AS 60 PAPERCLIPS!]

How many pencil sharpeners weigh the same as one battery?

 3

How many paperclips weigh the same as 2 batteries and 4 pencil sharpeners together?

Show your method

2 BATTERIES	→	120	PAPER CLIPS
4 SHARPENERS	→	80	PAPER CLIPS
		<u>200</u>	
		<u><u>200</u></u>	200

[3 marks]

4

[2006]

k stands for a whole number.


$k + 7$ is greater than 100

k IS GREATER THAN 93

$k - 7$ is less than 90

k IS LESS THAN 97

Find **all** the numbers that k could be.

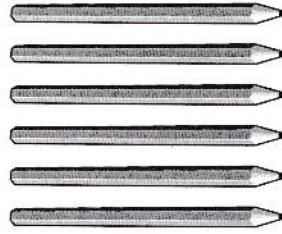
 94, 95, 96

[1 mark]

5

[2016]

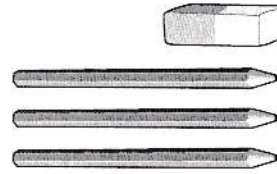
6 pencils cost £1.68



1st

$$\text{PENCIL IS } \frac{168}{6} = 28\text{p}$$

3 pencils and 1 rubber cost £1.09



What is the cost of 1 rubber?

Show your method

3 PENCILS

$$3 \times 28 = 84$$

∴ RUBBER

$$109 - 84 = \underline{\underline{25}}$$

25p

[2 marks]

6

Here is an equation.

[Extra]

$$m - 2n = 10$$

When $n = 20$ what is the value of m ?

$$m - 2 \times 20 = 10$$

$$m - 40 = 10$$

$$m = 50$$

$$m = \underline{50}$$

When $m = 20$ what is the value of n ?

$$20 - 2n = 10$$

$$2n = 10$$

$$n = 5$$

$$n = \underline{5}$$

[2 marks]

7

[2008]

m stands for a whole number greater than 10 and less than 20

[11, 12, 13, ..., 19]

n stands for a whole number greater than 2 and less than 10

[3, 4, 5, ..., 9]

What is the **smallest** number that $m \times n$ could be?

$$11 \times 3$$



33

What is the **largest** number that $m - n$ could be?

$$19 - 3$$



16


[2 marks]

8

[2000]

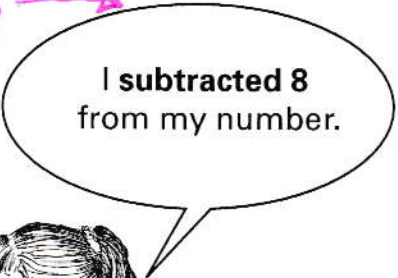
Leon and Sara each started with **different** numbers.

DIFFERENCE
IS 13



I added 5 to my number.

Leon



I subtracted 8 from my number.

Sara

Leon and Sara both get the **same** answer.

What numbers could they have started with?



Leon

1

Sara

14

ANY NUMBERS WITH
A DIFFERENCE OF 13!

[1 mark]

9

$n = 22$

[2016]

What is $2n + 9$?

$$2 \times 22 + 9 = 44 + 9$$

$$= \underline{\underline{53}}$$

53

$2q + 4 = 100$

Work out the value of q .

$2q = 96$

 $q =$

48

[2 marks]

10

[2005]



Sapna and Robbie have some biscuits.

Altogether they have **14** biscuits. \rightarrow 7 EACH IF THEY HAD THE SAME!Sapna has **2 more** biscuits than Robbie.

GIVE ONE OF ROBBIE'S TO SAPNA

How many biscuits do Sapna and Robbie each have?



Sapna

8

Robbie

6

[2 marks]

11

[2001]

p and q each stand for whole numbers.

$$p + q = 1000 \rightarrow 500 \text{ IF THEY WERE THE SAME}$$

p is 150 greater than q . \rightarrow ADD 75 TO p ; SUBTRACT 75 FROM q

Calculate the numbers p and q .

Show your method

$$p = 500 + 75$$

$$q = 500 - 75$$

$$p = 575, q = 425$$

[1 mark]

12

[2010]

An iced cake costs 10p more than a plain cake.

Sarah bought two of each cake.

They cost £1 altogether.



\rightarrow ONE OF EACH COSTS 50p!

What is the cost of an iced cake?

Show your method

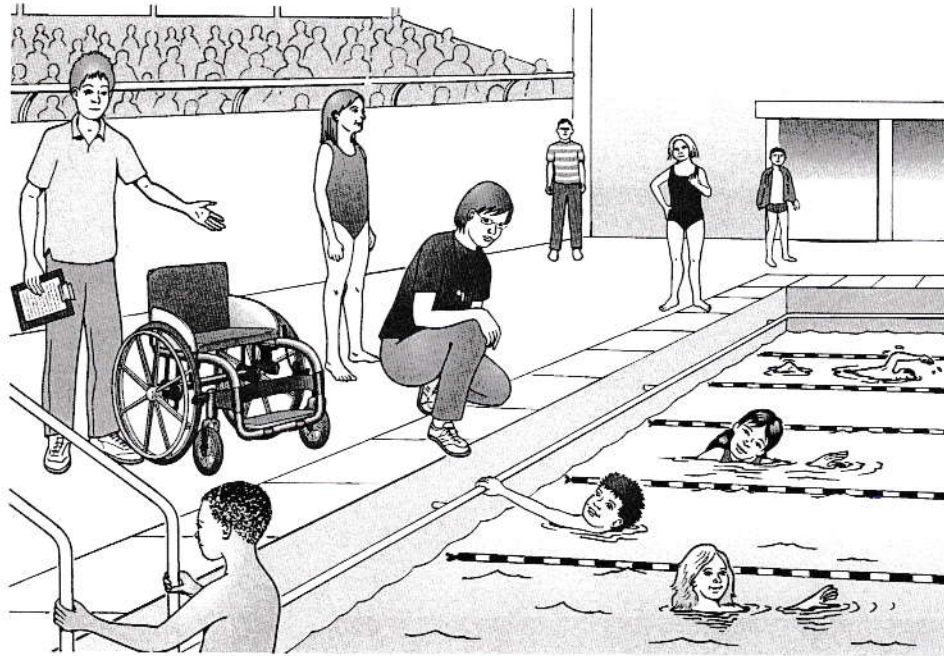
ONE OF EACH COST 50p [25p EACH, IF PRICE WAS THE SAME!]

$$\therefore \text{ICED} = 25 + 5$$

$$\text{PLAIN} = 25 - 5$$

$$30p$$

[2 marks]



Emily, Ben and Nisha take part in a sponsored swim to collect money for charity.

Emily collects £2.75 **more** than Nisha.

2ND

Ben collects £15

Nisha collects £7 **less** than Ben.

1ST

Altogether how much money do the three children collect?

Show your method

$$NISHA = 15 - 7 = \underline{\underline{£8}}$$

$$EMILY = 8 + 2.75 = \underline{\underline{£10.75}}$$

$$TOTAL = £15 + £8 + £10.75$$

$$\underline{\underline{£33.75}}$$

[2 marks]

14

g stands for a number on a grey card.

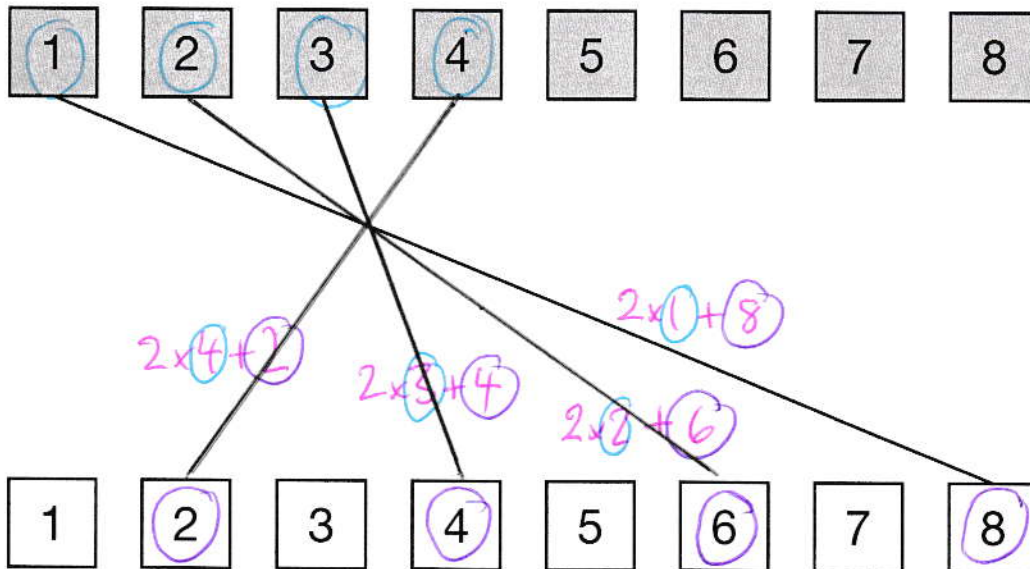
[Extra]

w stands for a number on a white card.

Join all pairs of numbers that match this rule:

$$2g + w = 10$$

One has been done for you.



[2 marks]

15

Here is an equation.

[Extra]

$$k = 100 - 4n$$

Find the value of k when $n = 60$

$$\begin{aligned} k &= 100 - 4 \times 60 \\ &= 100 - 240 \end{aligned}$$

$$k = \boxed{-140}$$

Find the value of n when $k = 99$

$$\begin{aligned} 99 &= 100 - 4n \\ 4n &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$n = \boxed{\frac{1}{4}}$$

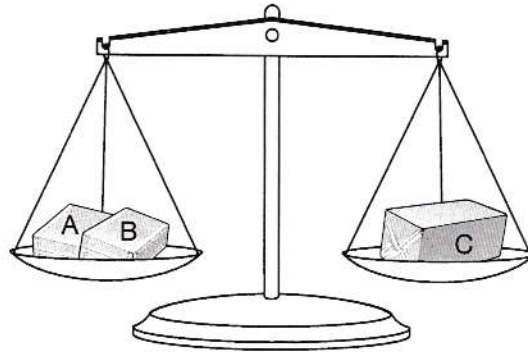
[2 marks]

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Amir has three parcels.

[2009]

Parcels A and B together weigh the same as parcel C.



The three parcels weigh 800 grams altogether.

Parcel A weighs 250g.

1ST

C WEIGHS 400g!

How much does parcel B weigh?

Show your method

$$A + B = 400$$

$$250 + B = 400$$

$$B = \underline{\underline{150}}$$

150g

[2 marks]

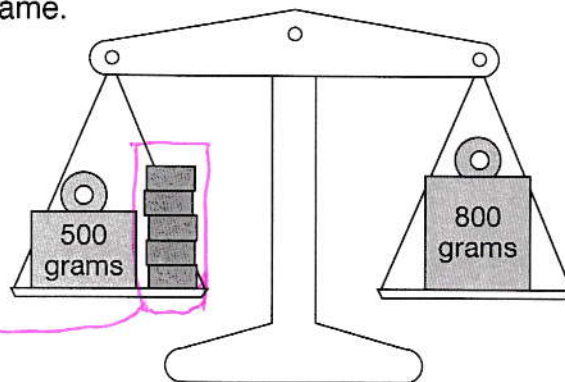
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Lin has five blocks which are all the same.

[2006]

She balances them on the scale with two weights.

1ST
THESE MUST
WEIGH 300g



Calculate the weight of one block.

Show your method

$$5B = 300$$

$$B = \frac{300}{5}$$

$$= \underline{\underline{60}}$$

60g

[2 marks]

18

Look at these expressions.

[Extra]

$$5y - 8$$

first
expression

$$3y + 5$$

second
expression

What value of y makes the two expressions equal?

Show your method

$$5y - 8 = 3y + 5$$

$$5y = 3y + 13$$

$$2y = 13$$

$$y = \underline{\underline{6.5}}$$

6.5

[2 marks]

19

A shop sells school uniform.

[Extra]

DIFFERENCE
IS ONE
SHIRT

Two shirts and one jumper cost £29

One shirt and one jumper cost £21

DIFFERENCE
IS £8

How much does **one jumper** cost?

ONE SHIRT COSTS £8

$$\begin{aligned} \text{SO JUMPER} &= 21 - 8 \\ &= \underline{\underline{13}} \end{aligned}$$

£ 13

[2 marks]

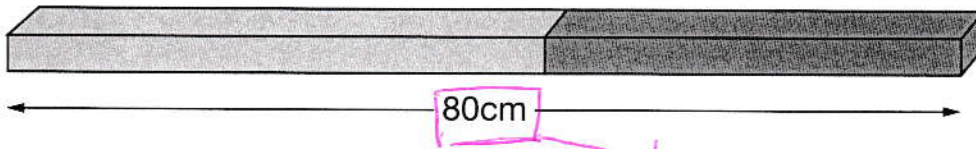
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Alfie has two sticks.

Not
actual
size

[2014]

He puts them end to end.

One stick is **10cm longer** than the other stick.

How long is the longest stick?

$$40 + 5$$

45	cm
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[1 mark]

21

Sarah, Amy and Liam stand on some weighing scales two at a time.

[2010]

Here are the measurements:

Sarah and Amy

70kg

Sarah and Liam

80kg

Liam and Amy

80kg

1st
LIAM IS
10kg MORE
THAN AMY



How much does Liam weigh?

Show your method

$$LIAM + AMY = 80$$

LIAM IS 10kg MORE THAN AMY

$$\Rightarrow LIAM = 45, AMY = 35$$

45 kg

[2 marks]

22

[2007]

Hassan bought a notebook and a pen.
He paid £1.10

Kate bought a notebook and 2 pens.
She paid £1.45

[1ST]

DIFFERENCE IS ONE PEN
[AND 35p!]

Calculate the cost of a notebook.

Show your method

ONE PEN COST 35p

$$\begin{aligned} \text{NOTEBOOK} &= 110 - 35 \\ &= \underline{\underline{75}} \end{aligned}$$

75p

[2 marks]

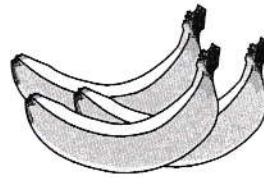
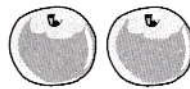
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[2015]

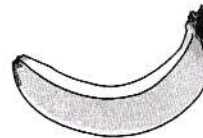
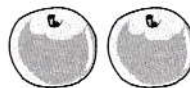
A shop sells fruit.

Chen buys 2 apples and 3 bananas.
He pays £2.35

DIFFERENCE IS
2 BANANAS AND £1.10



Megan buys 2 apples and 1 banana.
She pays £1.25



How much does one banana cost?

Show your method

TWO BANANAS COST £1.10

⇒ ONE BANANA COSTS 55p

55p

[2 marks]