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(Jumping around in mathematics)

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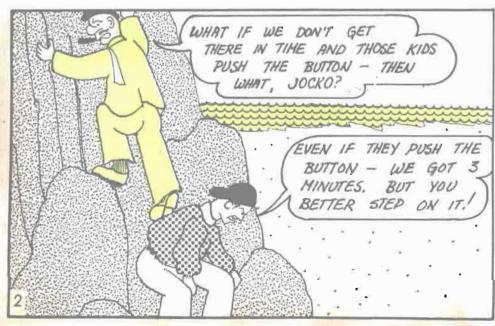
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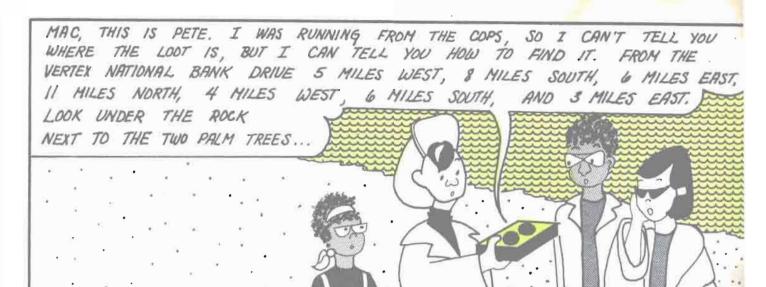
















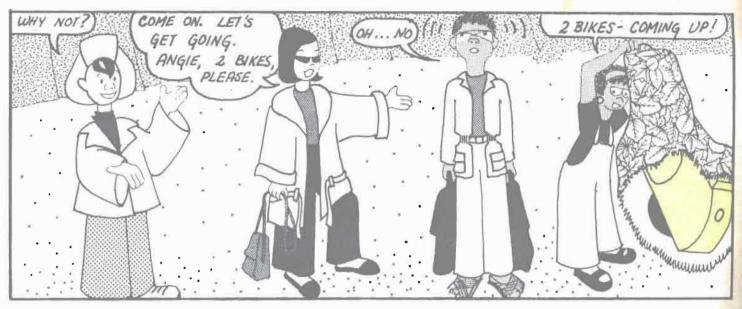


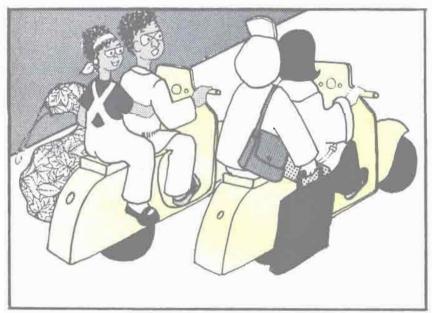


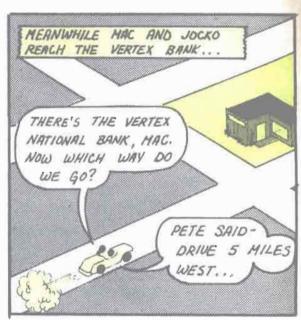






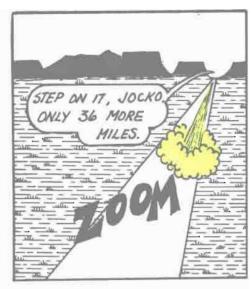














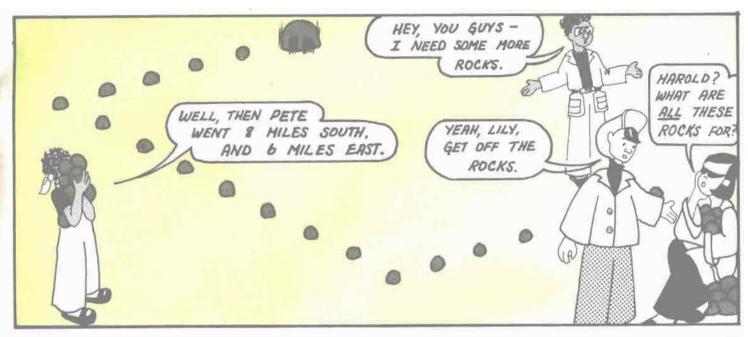




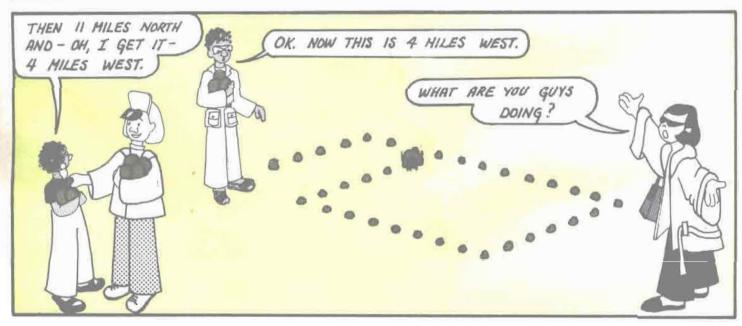


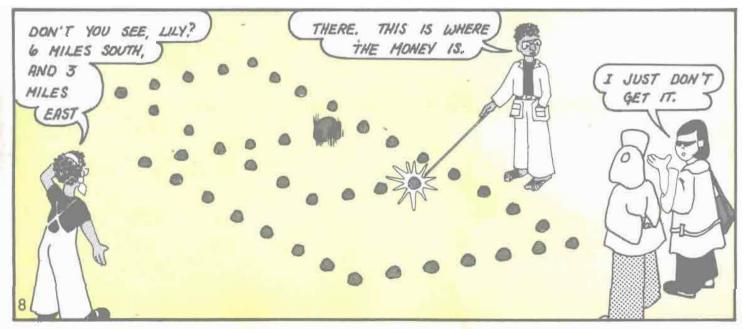






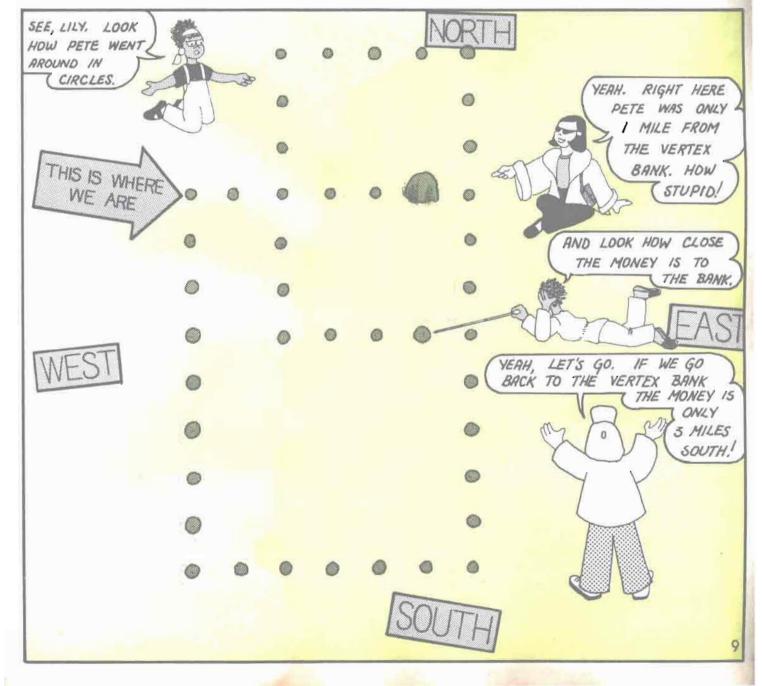
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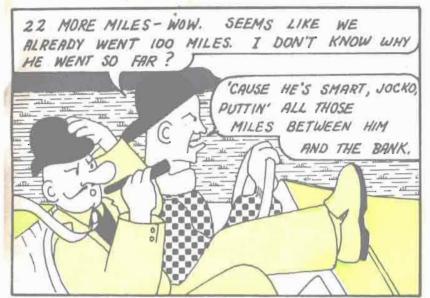
























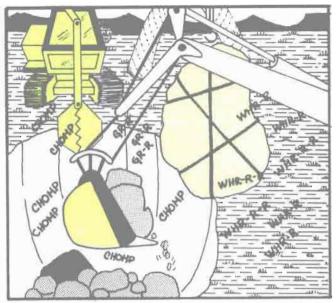






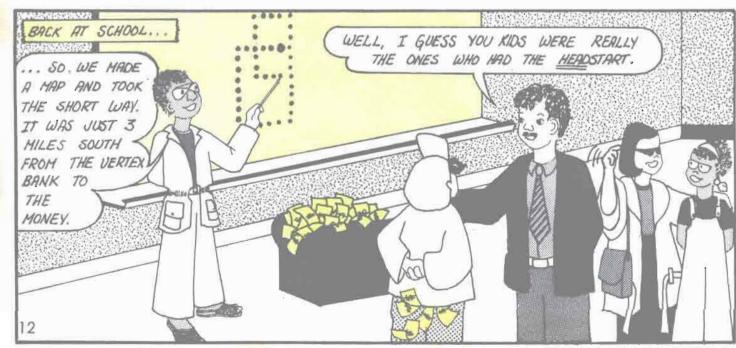








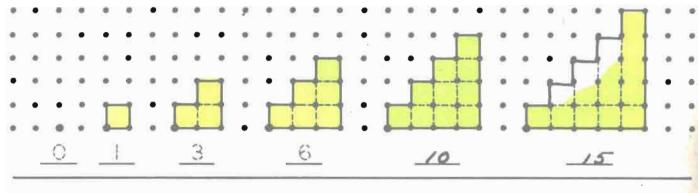


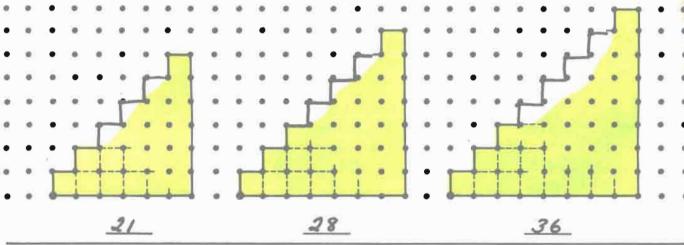


What's My Rule?

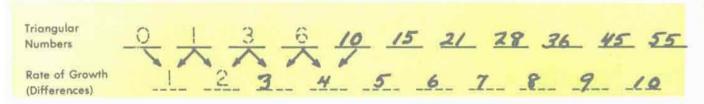
TRIANGULAR NUMBERS

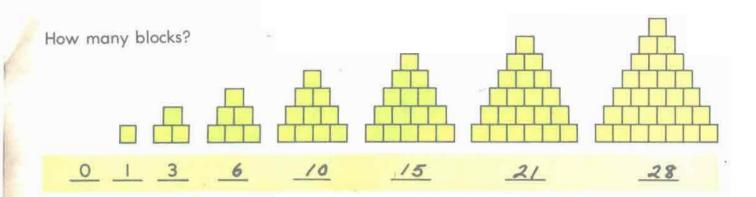
Please complete the sketches below . . . the "Stair Step" numbers.

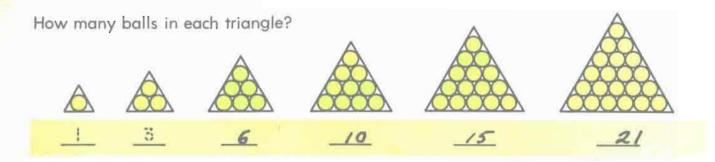




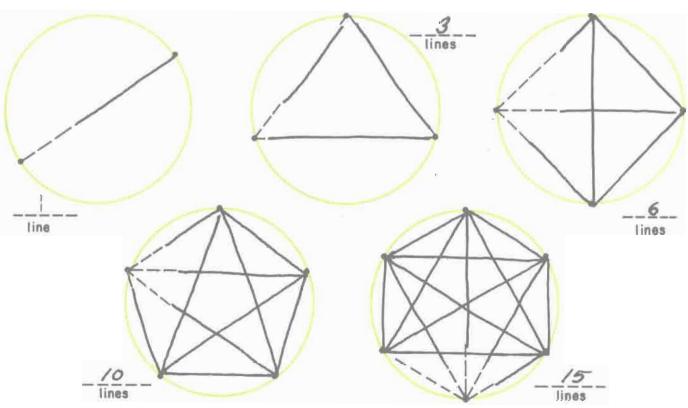
Please make a list of these numbers and extend it. Then, on the line below, show the differences between neighbors.





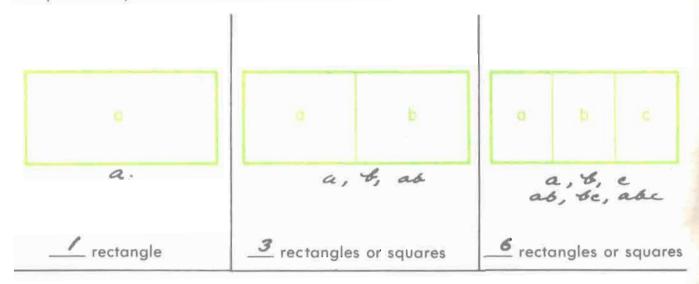


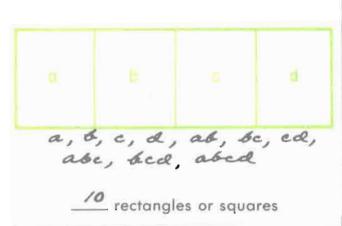
Problem: How many straight lines are needed so each point in the sketches below is connected to all other points?

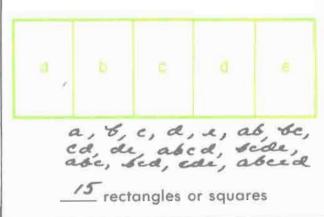


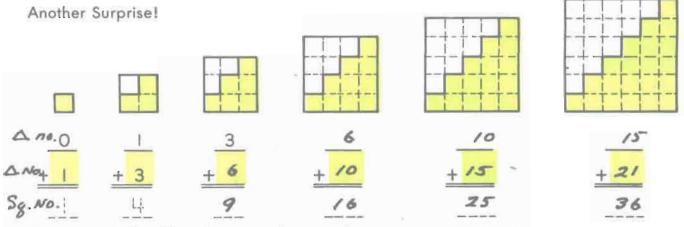
Another Problem:

In each of the sketches below, how many rectangles or squares do you see?

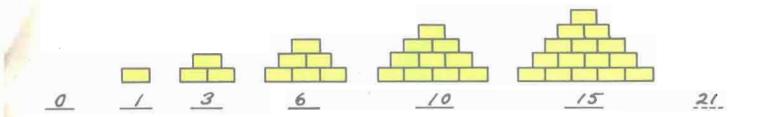








It seems the families of "triangular" and "square" numbers are closely related.



| Triangular Numbers | 0 | 13 | (| 5_/ | 0 1 | 15 | 21 | 28 _ | 36 | 45 |
|-----------------------|---|----|---|-----|-----|----|----|------|----|----|
| Rate of Growth | | 2_ | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | _7 | 8 | 9 | |

Sam Jones says that all whole numbers can be shown as the sum of 3 triangular numbers . . . if the list is extended. Do you believe this? Let's try the first 36 numbers.

0 + 3 + 10 = 13

$$0 + 0 + 1 = 1$$

$$0 + 1 + 1 = 2$$

$$/ + / + / = 3$$

$$0 + 3 + / = 4$$

$$/ + / + 3 = 5$$

$$3 + 3 + 0 = 6$$

$$3 + 3 + / = 7$$

$$1 + 1 + 6 = 8$$

$$3 + 3 + 3 = 9$$

$$6 + 3 + / = 10$$

$$0 + / + / 0 = 11$$

$$0 + 6 + 6 = 12$$

$$/+3+/0=14$$
 $0+0+/5=15$
 $0+6+i0=16$
 $/+/+/5=17$
 $0+3+/5=18$
 $/+3+/5=19$
 $0+/0+/0=20$
 $/+/0+/0=21$
 $0+/+2/=22$
 $/+/+2/=23$
 $0+3+2/=24$

Maria Gonzales says she found 8 different ways to write 40 as the sum of 4 triangular numbers.

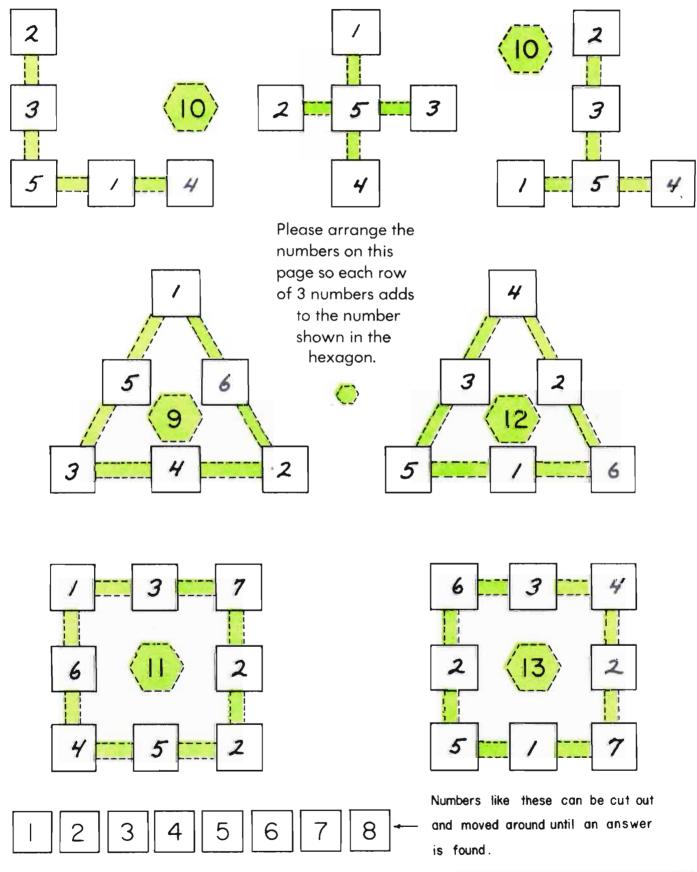
1 + 3 + 21 = 25

6 + 10 + 10 = 26

0 + 6 + 21 = 27

1 + 6 +21 = 28

Arrangement of PUZZLES with Small Numbers



Sam's "Shortcuts"

"I make up examples for myself and think of many different ways to get right answers. Usually there is an easiest way for

me. Now its become a habit. I always look for the shortest way before I start. I'll show you some of the different ways I think."

Lucy's "Lots of examples out of 3 doubles"

"Nat only got 9 examples out of 3 doubles. I can get as many as 27 examples out of 3 doubles but I'll only show you 21 of them.

Of course, I can handle numbers larger than 100."

answers

starters

The important clue here is to reduce the number of possibilities by half with each question. This

CARD GUESSING

can easily be done and will work with any group of 1 to 16 numbers.

Asking if the number is more or less than You need a deck of cards. Have

7 (in this case) reduces the possibilities by half. Then asking if

a friend pick one card without

it is odd or even reduces it in half once again. Now, asking if it

is in the first or second half of the remaining numbers brings the possibilities to only 1 or 2 numbers. One more question and you've got it!

You only have 4 questions to guess the number. Use this grid to keep track of what you learn with each question.

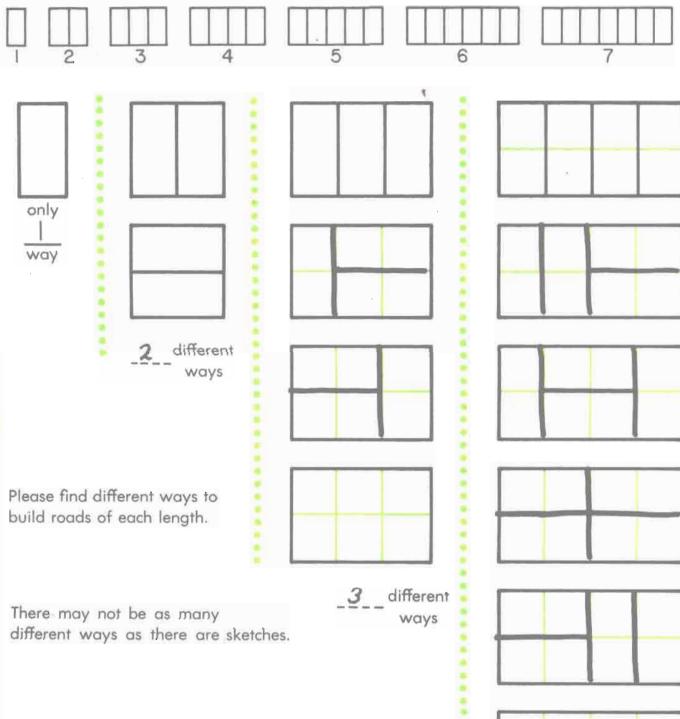
| ACE | | | | | | | | | | JACK | QUEEN | KING |
|-----|---|---|---|---|---|------|-----|---|----|------|-------|------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| | | | | | | - 20 | 1.5 | | | | | |

Clues for best questioning ? Think about odd and even numbers.

Use the first half or second half of the number grid.



Building Domino Roads with different patterns.



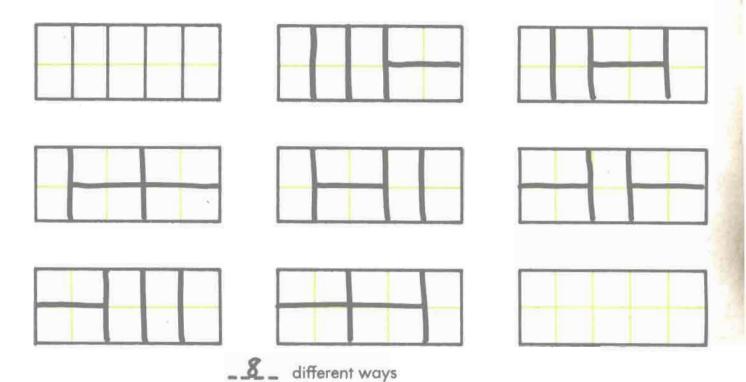
After the first three experiments, can you predict the outcome of the first example on the next page?

(Continued on next page)



_____different ways

How many ways to pave a 5-domino road?



Can you extend this series of numbers?

1 1 2 3 5 8 13 21 34 55 89

This is the "Fibonacci" series first described in about 1200 A.D. by Leonardo of Pisa, surnamed Fibonacci.

During almost 1000 years — from about 400 to 1400 A.D. — there was almost no important mathematics and science created in the Western World.

The most important contribution Leonardo made was to introduce the decimal system of notation which is now used by almost everyone in the world.

You might look at just one of the many relationships in this series.

Consider any group of 3 terms, the product of the 1st and 3rd will be 1 more or 1 less than the middle term multiplied by itself. For example:

... and this is only one of many relationships in the Fibonacci series.



BIRTHDAL TRICKS

Starting with next month, my birthday will be in ____ months.

After 70 months I will be ____ yrs. old. I was born ___ months ago.

AGE GAME

Multiply your age by 3.

Add 6 to the answer.

Divide the sum by 3.

Subtract 2 and you will find your age.
How does this work?

You may want to suggest that each child make a tally sheet while collecting the information and then draw it on the graph. This can be the take-off point for lots more class graphing about things Please find out when of interest to the children.

everybody in your class has a birthday.



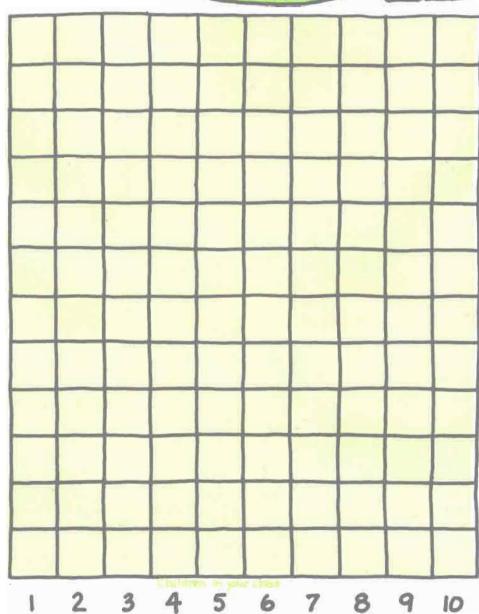


January February

June

August September October November

December

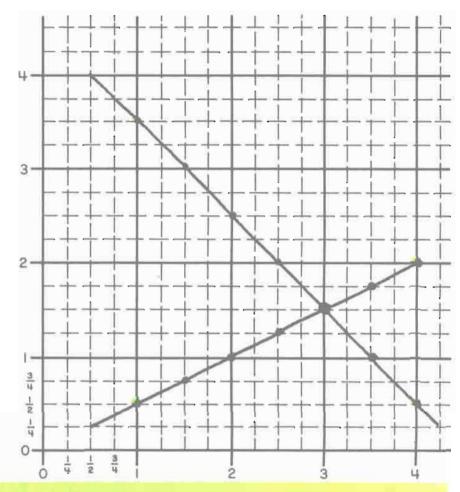


Which month has the most birthdays?

Please complete each table of examples and draw the graph of each.

Connect each set of points with a straight line.

| - | * | | | 7 |
|----|-----|---|-------|---------------|
| b | ½b | | b | 4 <u>1</u> -b |
| 1 | 1/2 | | 1 | 31/2 |
| 14 | 2 | | Lļ | 1/2 |
| 3 | 注 | | 2 1/2 | 2 |
| 2 | 1 | | 2 | 25 |
| 25 | 14 | | 3 | 15 |
| 12 | 34 | | /益 | 3 |
| 3生 | 13 | , | 3至 | 1 |



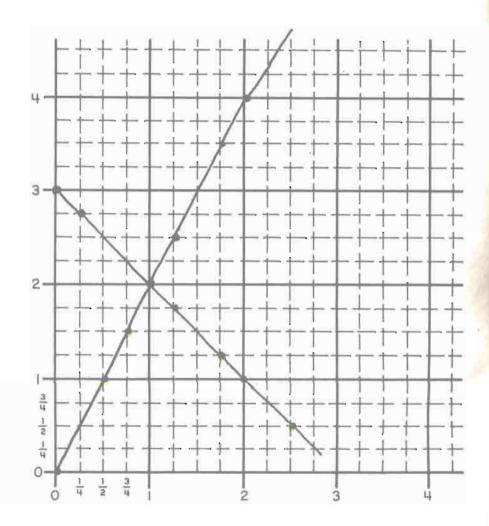
The two lines cross when b = 3

Sam's "Shortcuts"

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Please find the points given in each table and connect each of the sets of points with a straight line.

| n | 2n | n | 3-n |
|------|------|------|------|
| 34 | 11/2 | 21/2 | 1 2 |
| 1 2 | 1 | 13/4 | 14 |
| 2 | 4 | 14 | 23/4 |
| 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| 14 | 25 | 1 | 2 |
| 0 | 0 | 11 | 13/4 |
| 13/4 | 32 | 0 | 3 |
| | | | |

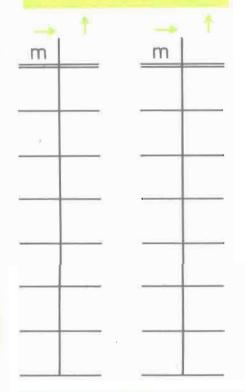


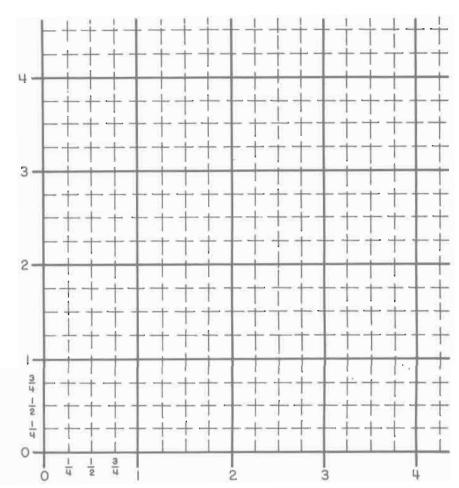
The two lines cross when n = 1.

Lucy's "Lots of examples out of 3 doubles"

| 343 +343 +433 | 335 +335 +533 |
|---------------------|---|
| | 670 /066 |
| +454 +544 | 333 444 +333 +444 |
| | 666 888 |
| + 355 + 543 | 544 +544 +545 1088 1090 |
| | +343 686 454 +454 +544 908 355 543 |

Please make up your own pair of rules and a table of examples for each. Then find the points indicated and connect each set with a straight line.

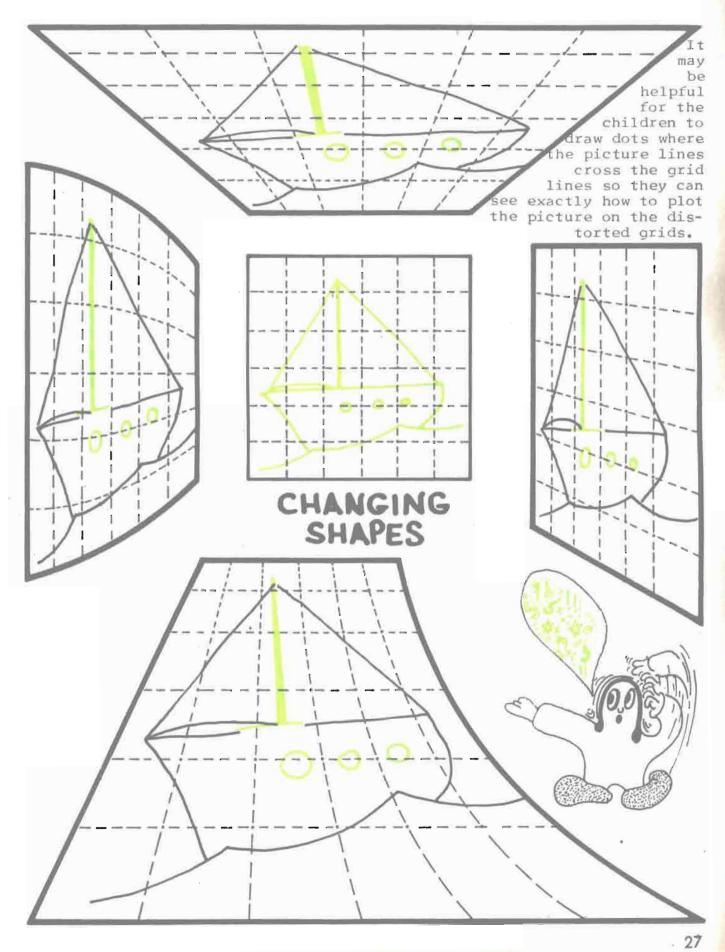




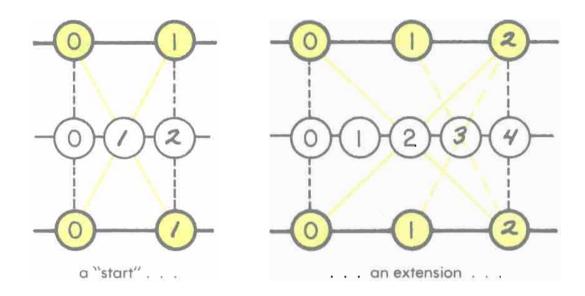
Do the lines cross? . . . If they do, they cross when m = ____.

Lucy's "Lots of examples out of 3 doubles"

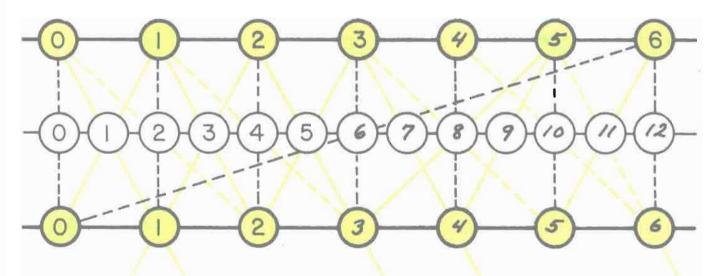
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Building a Mini-Adder



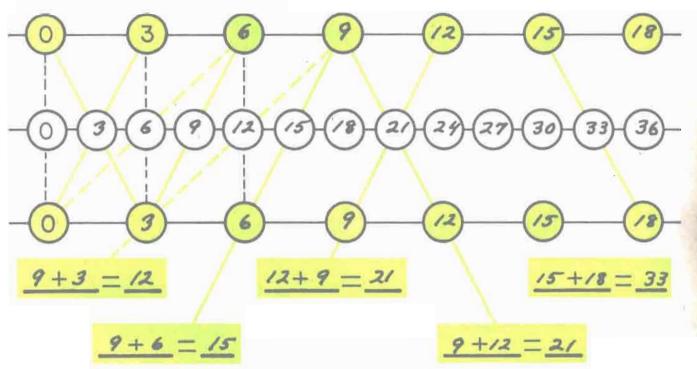
. . . and more extension



$$2 + 1 = 3$$

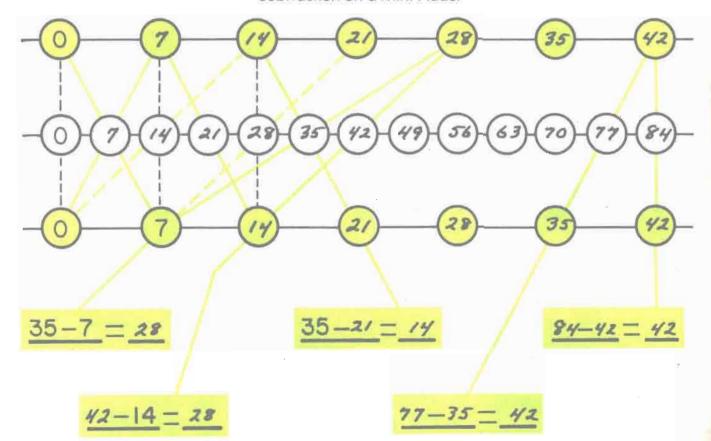
$$\frac{2+3}{3+2} = \frac{5}{5}$$

Varying the keys on the Mini-Adder

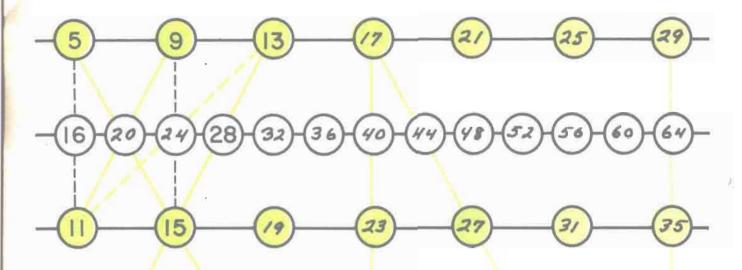


There are other possible combinations.

Subtraction on a Mini-Adder



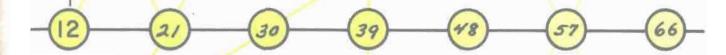
More variations of keys on the Mini-Adder



Subtraction on the Mini-Adder







$$\frac{81-51}{81-30}=\frac{30}{51}$$

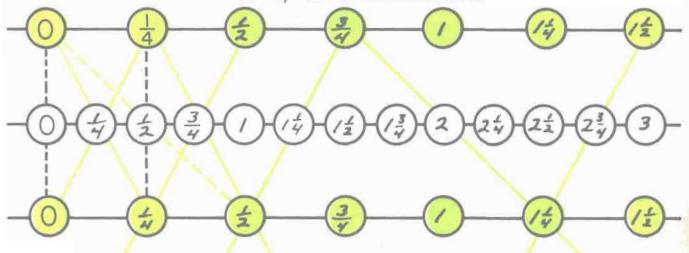
$$\frac{117 - 60}{117 - 57} = \frac{57}{60}$$

$$\frac{72-33}{72-39} = \frac{39}{33}$$

$$\frac{99-42}{99-57} = \frac{57}{42}$$

Adding and Subtracting Fractions on a Mini-Adder

You may want to think about coins.



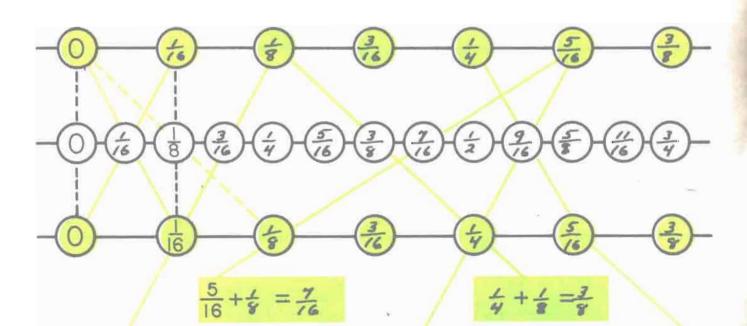
$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$|\frac{1}{2} + /\frac{1}{4}| = 2\frac{3}{4}$$

$$\frac{3}{4_{or}} - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$2 - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4}$$
$$2 - \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{4}$$



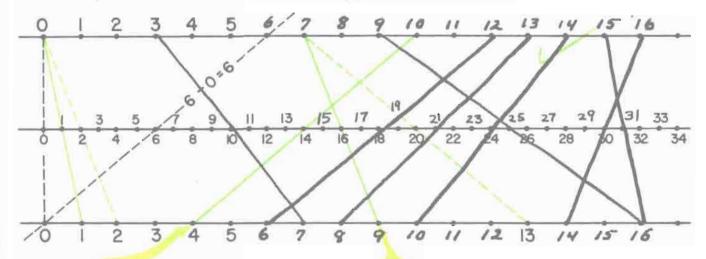
$$\frac{3}{16} - \frac{1}{8} = \frac{1}{16}$$

New Scales for the

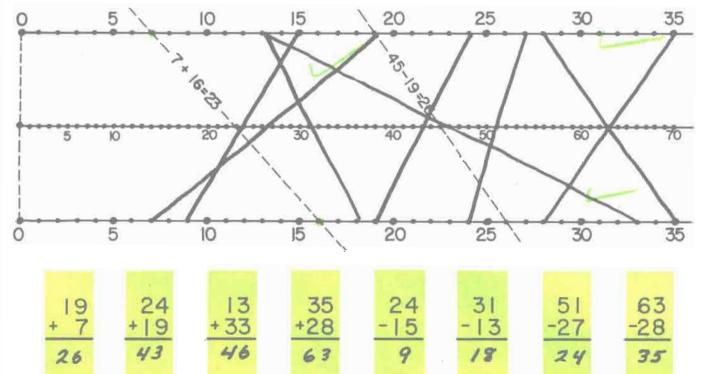
Mini-Adder

Lines may slant to right or left.

Please complete the scales. Then draw lines suggested by the example.



Pages 74 and 76 are extensions of this activity.



HIT THE TARGET

MEASURE OFF A DISTANCE 3 METERS LONG.

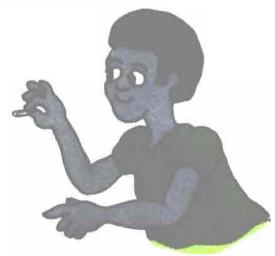
AT ONE END PUT A TARGET (WASTEBASKET, SMALL BOX, ETC.)

STAND AT THE OTHER END AND TRY TO HIT THE TARGET WITH A PAPER CLIP.

| TRY IT 3 TIMES. | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| HOW CLOSE DID YOU COMI | E?cm |
| NOW TRY IT WITH THE OTH | HER HAND |
| HOW CLOSE WERE YOU? | cm |
| | |
| USE A HEAVIER OBJECT. | |
| DID YOU COME CLOSER? | |

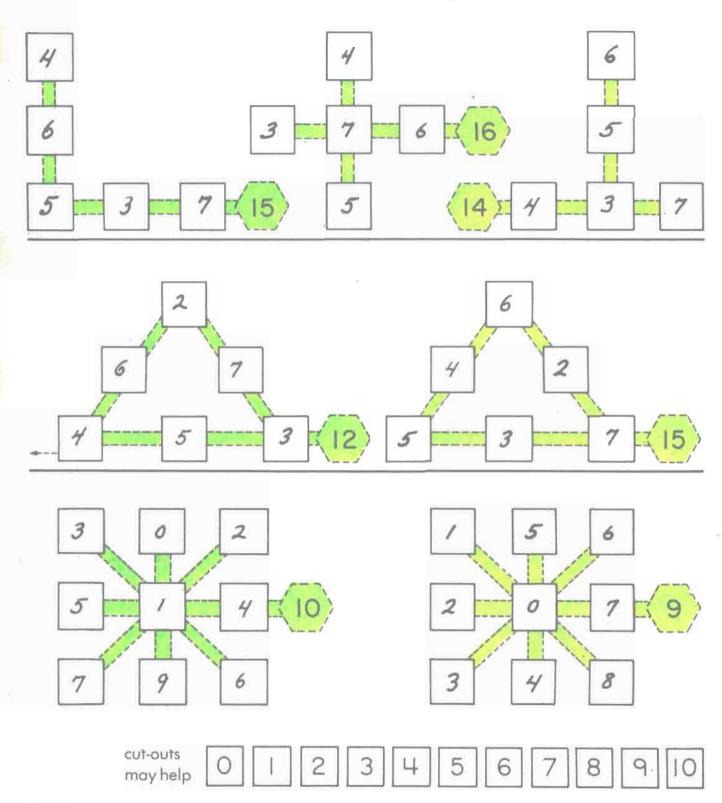
ARE YOU MORE ACCURATE WITH HEAVIER OR LIGHTER OBJECTS? ——
HAVE OTHER PEOPLE TRY IT, AND SEE IF YOU GET THE SAME RESULTS.





Arrangement PUZZLES with Small Numbers

Please arrange different numbers in each example so each line of 3 numbers adds to the numbers given in the hexagon.





3 — Then color in this many parts.

Please divide each pound into this many parts -

12 - Report number of ounces colored in.

Fractional cardboard cut-outs may be useful on this page and

8 oz. lb.

12 Jan 15.

6 3 8 lb.

12 0z. lb.

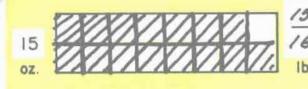
7 oz. lb.

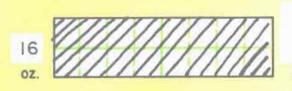
3 3 16 lb.

5 0z. 1b.

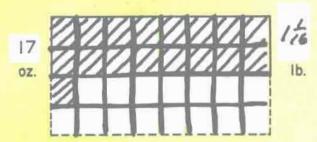
7 oz. 7/6 lb.

9 //6 //6 lb.









Please complete this chart:

| pounds | 16 | 18 | | | | | | | | | 11 | | _ | 7 8 | 15 | |
|--------|----|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|-----|----|---|
| ounces | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | - |

1b.
$$\frac{1}{14} + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{4}$$
 $\frac{1}{8} + \frac{3}{8} = \frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{5}{8} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{7}{8}$

oz. $4 + 8 = 12$ $2 + 6 = 8$ $10 + 4 = 14$

$$\frac{1}{8} + \frac{3}{8} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{5}{8} + \frac{7}{4} = \frac{7}{8}$$

$$\frac{3}{4} - \frac{7}{8} = \frac{5}{8}$$

$$\frac{7}{8} - \frac{3}{8} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{1}{8} \times 2 = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\frac{3}{16} \times 2 = \frac{3}{8}$$

$$\frac{1}{8}$$
 x 2 = $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{3}{16}$ x 2 = $\frac{3}{8}$ $\frac{15}{16}$ ÷ 3 = $\frac{5}{16}$
2 x 2 = 4 3 x 2 = 6 15 ÷ 3 = 5

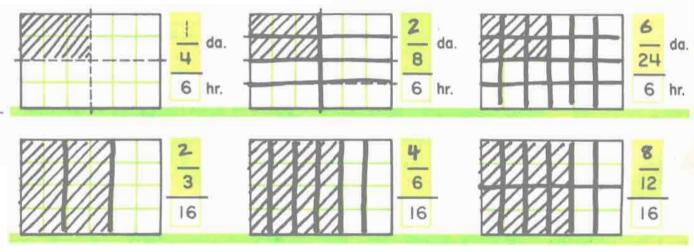
$$\frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{8}$$

$$\frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{9}$$
 $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{8} = \frac{3}{9}$

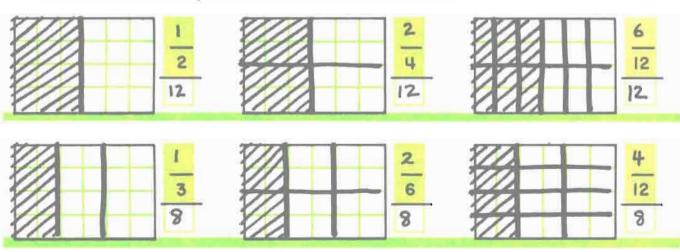
$$\frac{1}{16} \times 4 = \frac{1}{4}$$

There are 24 hours (hr.) in 1 day (da.)

Some "numbers of hours" can be colored in by different pairs of directions.



Please find different pairs of directions for each sketch.



So we say:

$$\frac{*}{3} = \frac{4}{6} = \frac{8}{12} = \frac{16}{24} \text{ and } \frac{*}{2} = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{6}{12} \text{ and } \frac{*}{3} = \frac{2}{6} = \frac{4}{12}$$

$$\frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{6} = \frac{4}{12}$$

* and the pair of directions with the smallest numbers is called the "simplest form."

Please fill in the blanks.

| parts of a pound | 1 | 1/2 | 14 | 3 4 | 1 8 | 3 8 | 5 8 | 7 8 | 16 | 3 16 | 5 16 | 7 16 | 9 16 | 11 | |
|---------------------|----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|------|------|------|------|----|---|
| ounces | 16 | 8 | 4 | 12 | 2 | 6 | 10 | 14 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 9 | 11 | - |

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4}$$
 $8 + 4 = 12$

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{11} = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$12 + 6 = 18$$

$$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{8} = \frac{3}{8}$$

12 - 3 = 9

$$\frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$$
 $18 - 6 = 12$

$$\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$$
 $6 + 6 = 12$

$$\frac{1}{4}$$
 x 2 = $\frac{1}{2}$
6 x 2 = $\frac{1}{2}$

$$\frac{1}{4} \div 2 = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$6 \div 2 = 3$$

A MAGIC NUMBER GAME

Ask a friend to choose any number between 10 and 100.

now here's how to find that number! Tell your friend to:

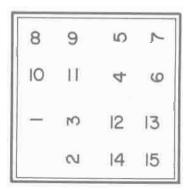
- @ Write the figure in the Ten's place and double it.
- Add 1 to this product.
- 6 Multiply your answer by 5.
- 1 Take your original number: what is the figure in the one's place? .
- Add that figure to the answer from c.
- (F) Now add 106 to this sum.

the key - Subtract III from the result.

example: 78

The square will be cut out and used on the following page.





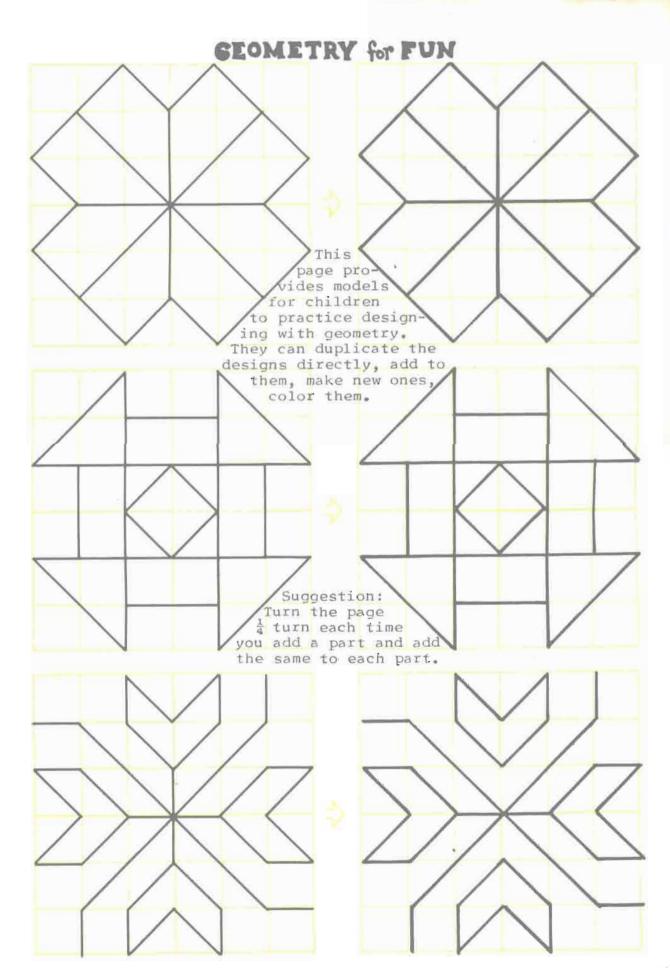


CUT OUT THE CARDS BELOW; THEN CUT OUT THE SPACES MARKED 'CUT OUT', NOTICE THAT ONE CARD HAS NUMBERS WRITTEN ON THE BACK AS WELL AS THE FRONT.

WHEN THE CARDS ARE READY, ASK SOMEONE TO THINK OF A NUMBER FROM 1 TO 15. SHOW THEM THE FRONT OF EACH CARD AND ASK THEM IF THEIR NUMBER IS ON THE CARD. IF THE ANSWER IS 'YES' PUT THE CARD ON THE TABLE WITH 'YES' AT THE TOP. IF IT'S 'NO', PUT 'NO' AT THE TOP.

STACK THE CARDS ONE OVER THE OTHER, WITH THE CARD THAT HAS NO HOLE IN IT ON TOP OF THE OTHERS. PICK UP THE CARDS AND TURN THE STACK OVER. THE CORRECT NUMBER WILL SHOW THROUGH THE WINDOW IN THE CARDS.

| 1 | YES | | 2 3 | ES - | | 4 | 5 | S | | 8 | 9 | S | |
|-----|-----|----|-----|---------|----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 5 | 7 | | 6 7 | C | UT UT | 6 | 7 | | | 10 | 11 | | z |
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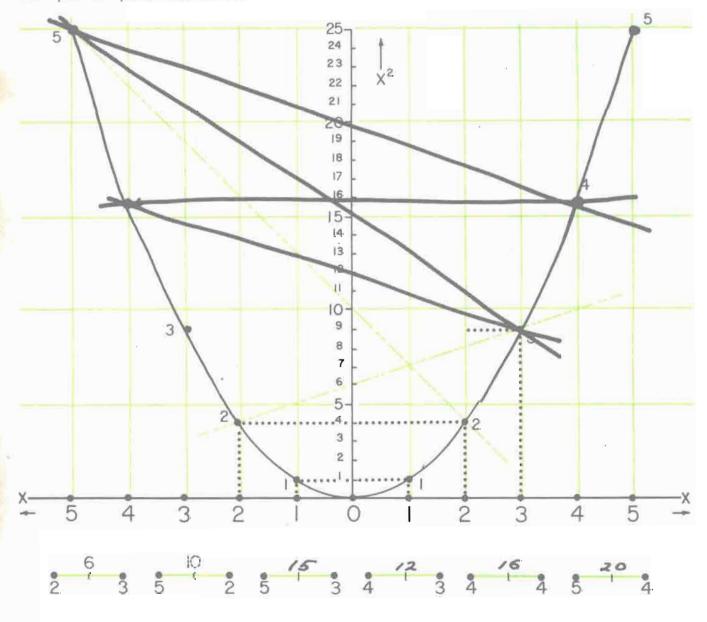
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...or, building a mini-computer for multiplication and division

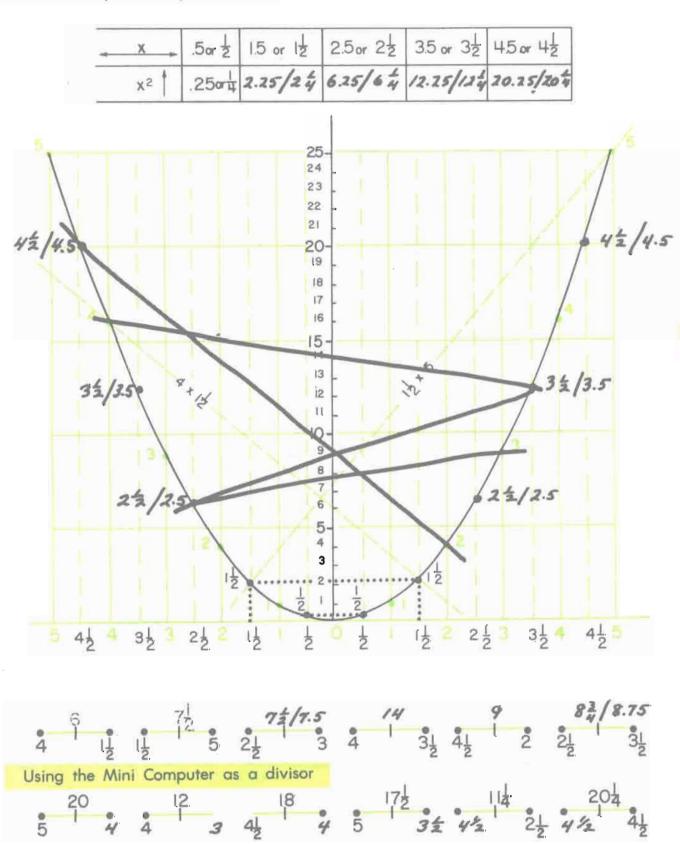
The machine begins with a graph of this table.

| X | 0 | I, | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|-------------------------|---|----|----|---|----|----|
| X x X or X ² | 0 | 1 | 14 | 9 | 16 | 25 |

Can you complete this sketch?



Please complete the following table, and add the points they indicate.



MEASURING WITH FRUIT

The children will need real fruit to complete this page.

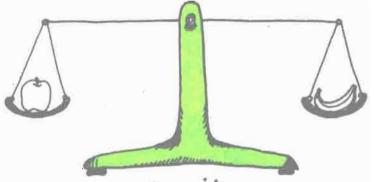
There are ___ Sides on a banana.

Do all bananas have the same number of sides?__

The banana I have is ___ cm long.

There are ____ seeds in an apple.

Do all apples have the same number of seeds? ___
My apple is ___ cm in circumference.

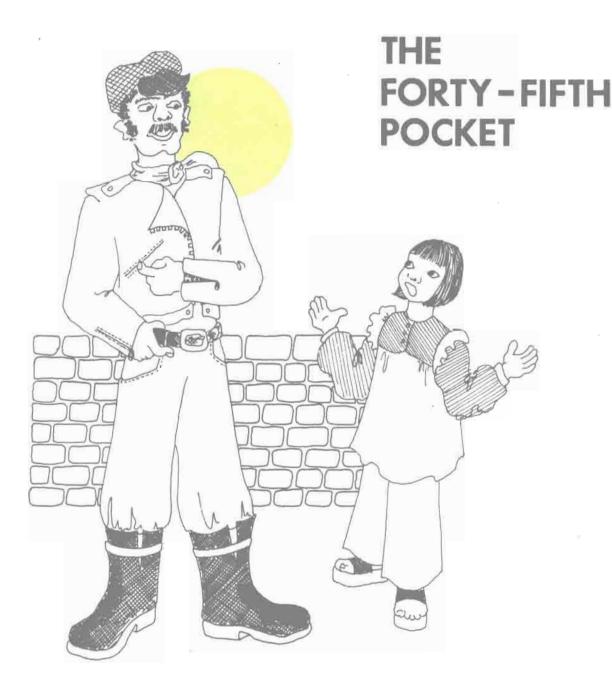


Compare an apple with a banana.

Which weighs more?

Please bite off some of the apple or banana to equalize the weight.

what did you discover?



Paula's Uncle Max was a teaser.

Once, when he came to visit, he said: "There is a quarter in my forty-fifth pocket. If you guess the right pocket, the quarter is yours."

"You haven't got 45 pockets."

"That's right; but it's in the pocket I call my 'forty-fifth pocket'."

"Is it in your shirt pocket?" Paula guessed.

"Wrong, but I'll give you another chance... after I tell you the way I number my pockets.

"My right hand pants pocket is 1; my shirt pocket is 2, and my left hand pants pocket is 3. Now would you like to try again to find my forty-fifth pocket?"

"But, you've only told me about pockets you call '1', '2' and '3'."

"You're right," Uncle Max agreed. "I'll tell you the rest. I go back to my shirt pocket for 4, then to my right pocket for 5 and I'm back where I began. Then the shirt pocket is 6, left is 7, shirt is 8, right 9, shirt is 10—etc.

"Now it's your turn to try again but you have only five seconds to find out which is the forty-fifth pocket."

Paula pointed to the pockets . . .



Uncle Max broke in: "Time's up . . . that's five seconds of counting; you started at 9 and only got to 17 . . . nowhere near 45."

"Okay; then I'll guess. You already told me it wasn't in your shirt pocket, so it must be in your right or left pants pocket."

"That's right. Now if you would rather have 15[‡] than run the risk of being wrong, I'll give you 15[‡] right now and we'll stop there. So take your pick: 15[‡] for sure or make a guess—you may get 25[‡] or you might get nothing. What do you say, Paula?"

Paula didn't answer. She just looked at her uncle. In her head she was counting "eighteen, nineteen, twenty". and was already at 30 before her uncle guessed what she was doing.



"No, Uncle Max; I'd rather not guess or take the 15[‡]. Will you play this game again with me after dinner . . . and you can move the quarter into any pocket before we play again?"

"You mean I can move the quarter to my forty-eighth pocket if I want to . . . or my 113th pocket?"

"Right," Paula answered even though that 113 was a pretty big number . . . but then, she thought, Uncle Max wouldn't be that mean . . or would he?

"It's a deal, Paula, after dinner; but this time there'll be no '15[‡] for sure' . . . it'll be guess right or nothing."

Paula ran upstairs to her room and went to work with pencil and paper:

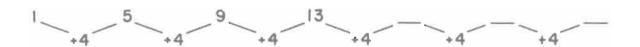
"Your counting time was up a long time ago."

"Then I'll guess . . ." Paula began and then she stopped. As she had been counting those pockets she had noticed something that might be useful; it couldn't have been in his shirt pocket because that pocket was always called an even number . . so her first guess that the forty-fifth pocket might be the shirt pocket was a very bad guess. But the right and left pockets were both called by odd numbers. If she only had more time.

| RP | SP | LP |
|----|----|----|
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| 13 | | |
| | 14 | |
| | | 15 |

She had been right; the shirt pocket is always "even" and the pants pockets are always "odd".

Next Paula noticed that the numbers called "right pocket" were 4 apart:



"So, I can count from 1 by 4's; that'll be much faster." She wrote down the numbers to practice counting:

1, 5, 9, 13, 17, 21, 25, 29, 33, 37, 41, 45

"See, it was in Uncle Max's right hand pocket," Paula said to herself, "and if he had said '39th pocket' it would be in the left hand pocket—because 39 is not even and it's not in my 4's list." And she went back to practicing

"1, 5, 9, 13, 17, etc."



Paula heard Uncle Max laughing in the kitchen—probably at one of his old jokes—and Paula thought, "113—he wouldn't do that . . . or would he?"

He just might, so Paula extended her list to practice . . .

Paula stopped and looked at her list—
—back at the beginning. And she put
down the odd numbers she was skipping.

Then she saw something that might be useful. She wrote down the "4 times" table:

And then she wrote the right hand list above and the left hand list below in this way:

| Right | 1 | 5 | 9 | 13 | 17 | 21 | _ | _ | |
|-------|---|---|---|----|----|----|---|---|---|
| Shirt | 0 | 4 | 8 | 12 | 16 | 20 | | | _ |
| Left | | 3 | 7 | 11 | 15 | 19 | | _ | _ |

"I think I can win my quarter," she said to herself: "Let him try 113."

[&]quot;Right hand pocket."

Just then, Paula's father called her to dinner.



Thru dinner, Paula looked a little upset and seemed to be thinking about something.

"I think Paula's counting pockets while she eats," Uncle Max joked.

"Maybe you're right," Paula replied—but Uncle Max didn't really know what she was thinking about.

After dinner her uncle asked Paula: "Do you want to play the quarter game now?"

"Yes, but you know Uncle Max, I'm saving up for a speedometer for my bike and I only need 50[‡] more. I've been practicing counting your pockets and I'm pretty fast.

"You tell me the number of the pocket, and if I guess right, I get 50[‡] . . . and if I'm wrong, I'll pay you 50[‡] out of my savings."

"All right," Uncle Max said, "but only if I can cut your counting time to 5 seconds."

"OK; but I really could use more than 50¢. Suppose I asked you to put 3 half dollars in any of your pockets—all in one or any combination of pockets. If I guess all 3 right, then I keep them; but if I don't guess them all right, I get nothing . . . but I get 15 seconds counting time—one for each number."

Uncle Max got up. "Get ready, because your chances of guessing all three aren't very good."

"I'm ready; but please write your three numbers down so I don't have to remember them."

Uncle Max wrote them down, being careful Paula couldn't see them.

Finally: "Here they are

23 41 99

and I'm counting seconds: one dinosaur, two dinosaurs, three dinosaurs . . ."

At "8 dinosaurs", Paula laughed and said, "you know Uncle Max, there's a different number in each pocket."

"What! What's that got to do with it? You're right, but you haven't told me how many there are in each pocket. Say—you're trying to get more counting time . . . 9 dinosaurs, 10 dinosaurs . . "

Paula broke in again: "There are twice as many in your left hand pocket as in the right and two more in the left pocket than in your shirt pocket."



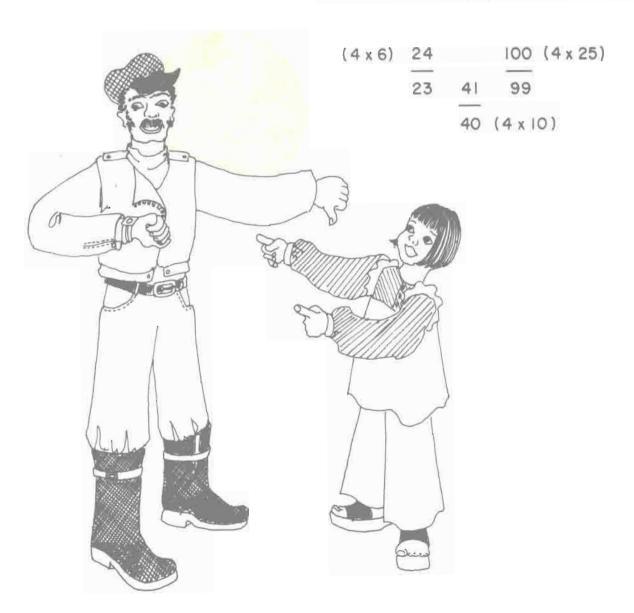
Uncle Max went right on counting "14 dinosaurs, 15 dinosaurs . time's up. You lost!"

Paula laughed; "But I told you there were twice as many in your left hand pocket and 2 more than in your shirt pocket."

"But I could have 2 in my left hand pocket and 1 in my shirt pocket—that's two more, and that's not right." "Yes, Uncle Max, but then your right hand pocket would be empty—and there wouldn't be twice as many in the left as in the right. So you have to have 2 in the left and 1 in the right pocket . . . and none in your shirt pocket."

Uncle Max was still not sure Paula had told him enough. "If you tell me how you did it, I'll pay up."

On the card with the three numbers Paula added some numbers:



"Below the line is left and above the line is right."

Then Paula showed her Uncle her notes: and added some examples.

| Right | 1 | 5 | 9 | 13 | | 41 | |
|-------|---|---|---|-----|----|----|-----|
| | 0 | 4 | 8 | 12 | 24 | 40 | 100 |
| Left | | 3 | 7 | 1.1 | 23 | | 99 |

"You win," Uncle Max admitted. "But let me tell you about the pelican and the fish and the seagull.

"There were 5 barrels. Sitting on the barrel was a wise pelican. A seagull came up to the barrel and said to the pelican, 'I know there's a fish in one of those barrels; which one is it?' The pelican said, 'The fish is in the 100th barrel if you count from left to right to left to right the way the sign shows:'



"Now I've got to go, Paula. Maybe what you learned about my pockets could be useful in helping the seagull find the 100th barrel."

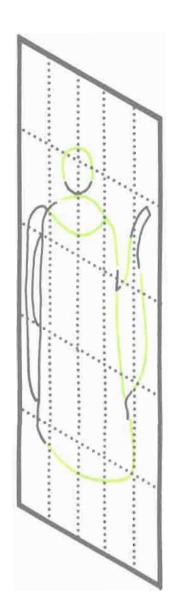


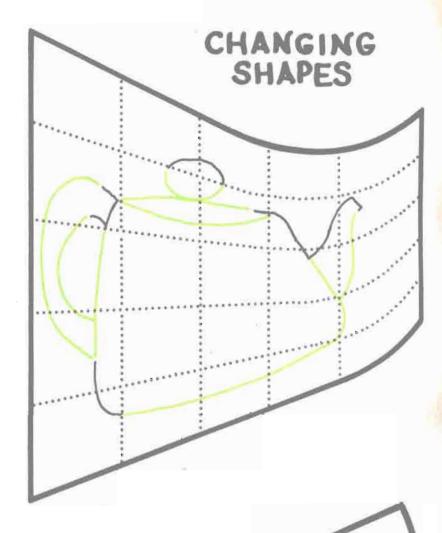
"You know, Uncle Max, if I could save enough, I could get a light for my bike. If I find out which is the 100th barrel, do you think . . " said Paula putting the \$1.50 in her pocket.

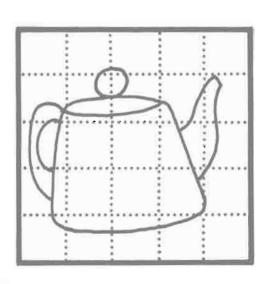
Paula's father saved Uncle Max: "Come on Max, you've just got time to get to the races."

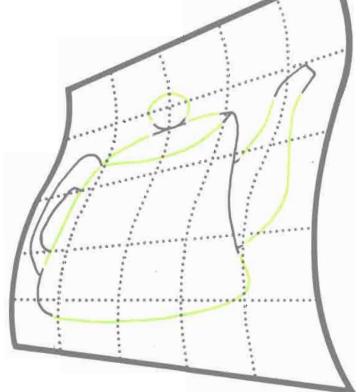
"Goodby, Paula."

"Come again, Uncle Max."



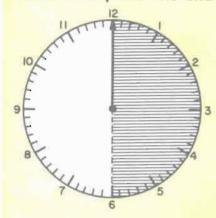


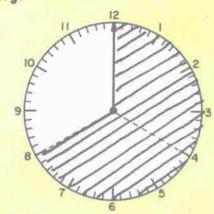




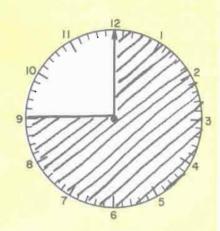
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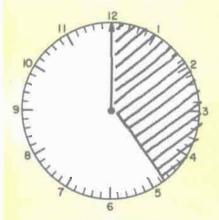




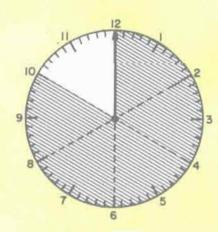
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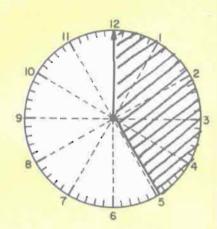
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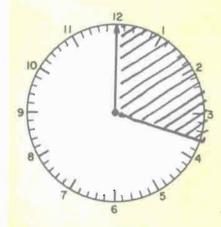
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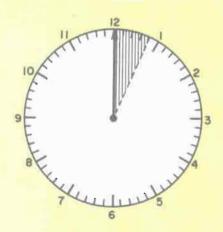
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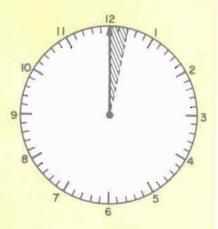
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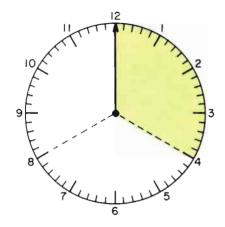
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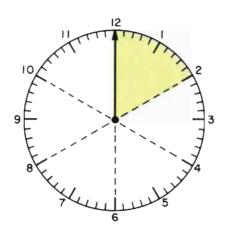


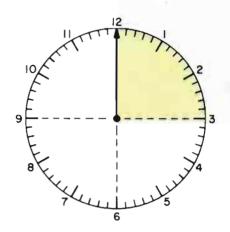
 $4 \text{ min.} = \frac{1}{15} \text{ hr.}$



$$2 \text{ min.} = \frac{1}{30} \text{ hr.}$$







The sketches above may help you fill in the blanks.

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4}$$

minutes
$$30 + 15 = 45$$

hr.
$$\frac{.5}{6} - \frac{1}{3}$$

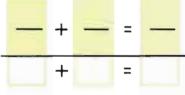
$$\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \times 2 = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{6} = \frac{7}{6}$$

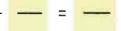
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Please make up examples of your own:



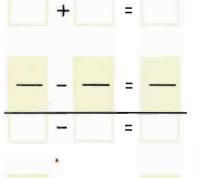
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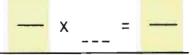


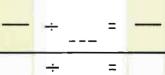
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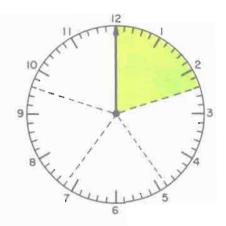


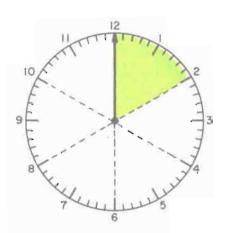
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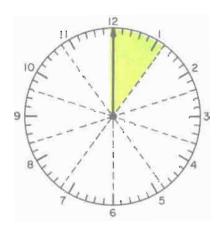
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The sketches above may help you fill in the blanks.

hr.
$$\frac{1}{5} + \frac{3}{5} = \frac{4}{5}$$

min. $12 + 36 = 48$

$$\frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{10} = \frac{2 \cdot 1}{10 \cdot 5}$$

$$6 + 6 = 12$$

$$\frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{10} = \frac{7}{70}$$

$$12 - 6 = 6$$

hr.
$$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{6} = \frac{2.1}{6\overline{3}}$$

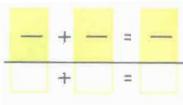
min. $30 - 10 = 20$

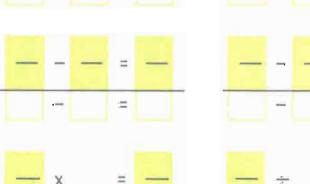
$$\frac{1}{10} \times 2 = \frac{2-1}{10.5}$$
6 × 2 = 12

$$\frac{1}{5} \div 2 = \frac{7}{10}$$
 $12 \div 2 = 6$

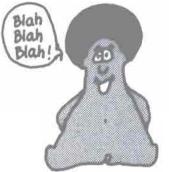
Please make up examples of your own:

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How FAST CAN YOU TALK ? (no mistakes)







"She sells seashells by the seashore."

Seconds

Say "Toy Boat" 10 times fast.

Seconds

"The sixth sick sheik's sixth sheep's sick"

Seconds

"How much wood could a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood?"

seconds

Make up a tongue twister and try it on your friends.

A CUT-OUT GAME

You can suggest to the children that they cut out pieces that have right angles. Then the person putting it back together cannot so quickly

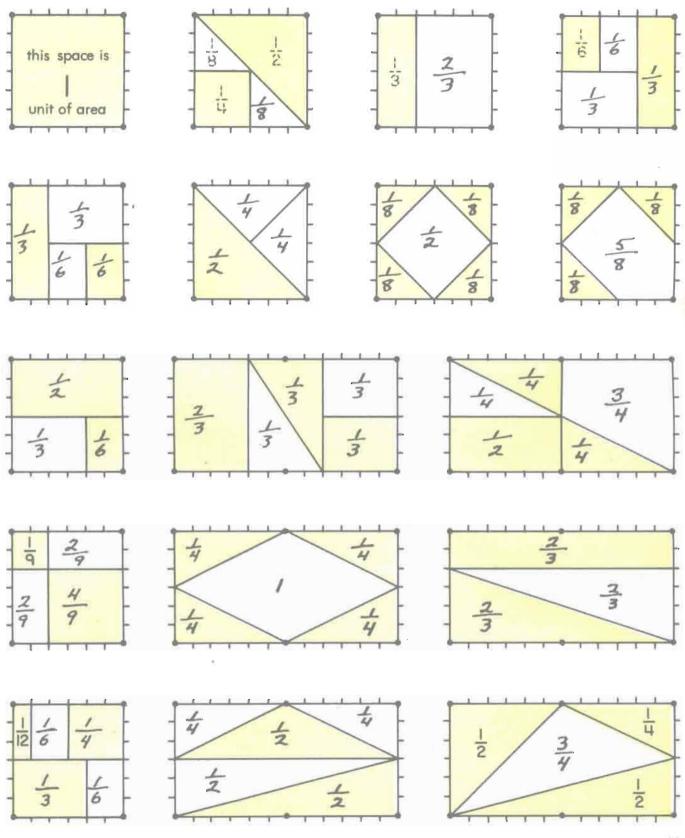
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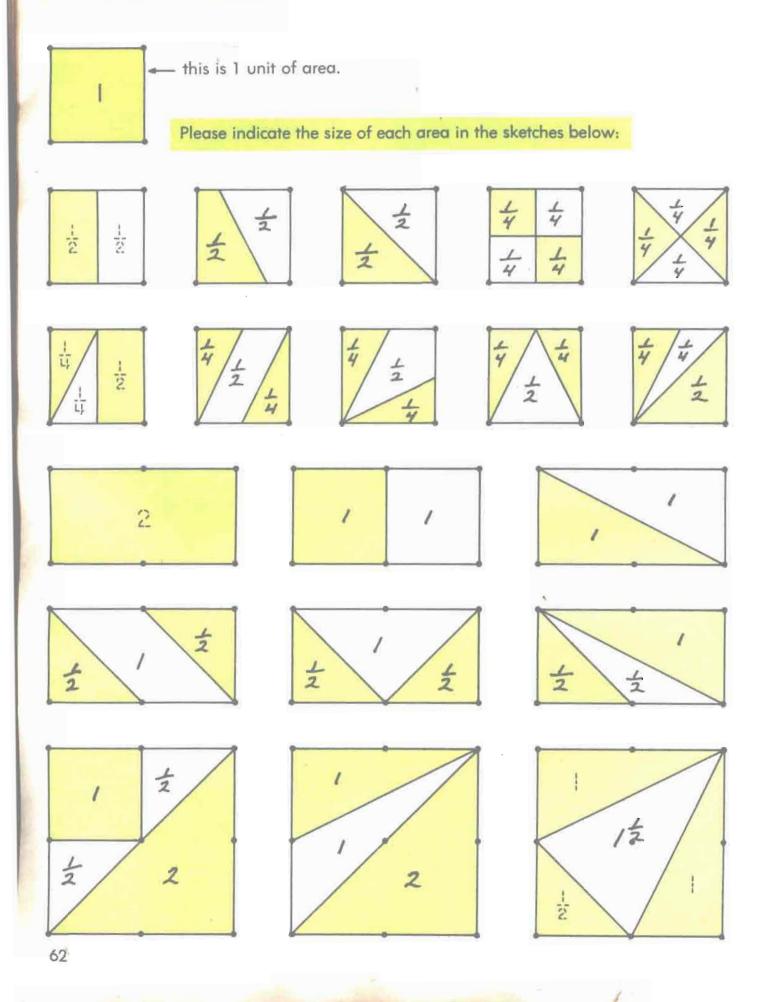
Ask 3 people to put the pieces together again.

Time them.

| | name | name | name |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1st try | seconds | Seconds | Seconds |
| 2nd try | Seconds | Seconds | Seconds |
| 3rd try | Seconds | Seconds | Seconds |

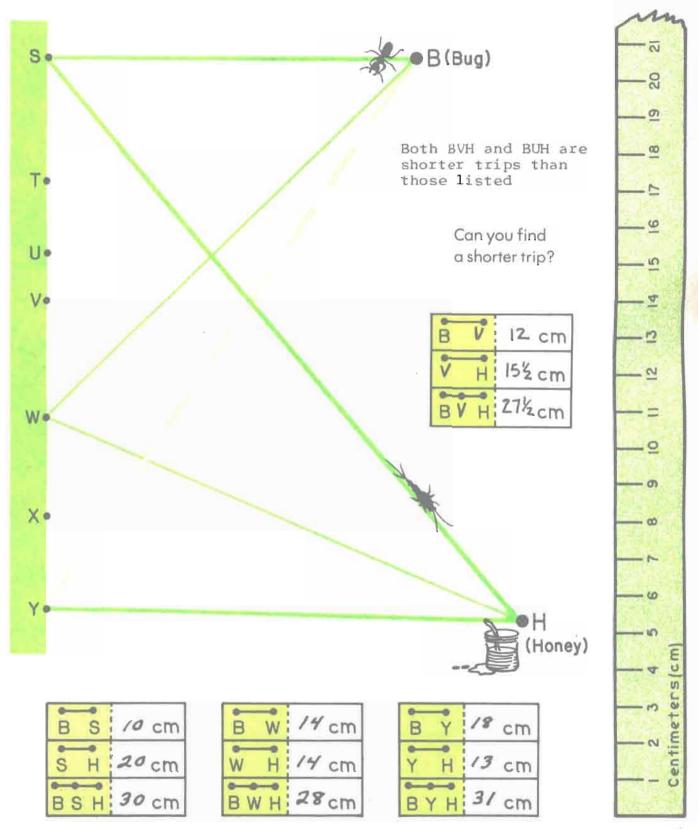
Please indicate the size of each area in the sketches below.





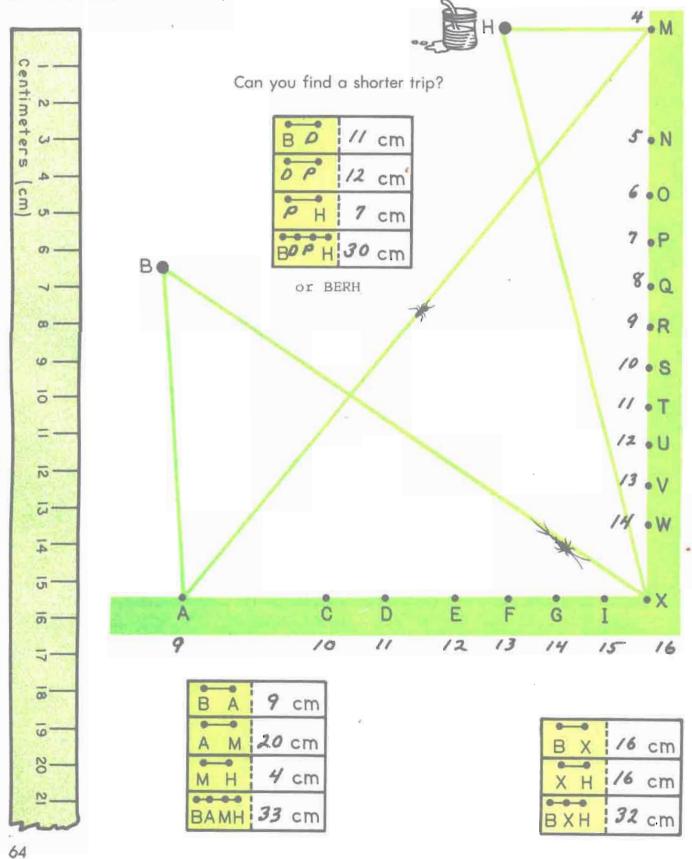
BUG-TRIP GEOMETRY

The bug must touch the wall before he can eat the honey.



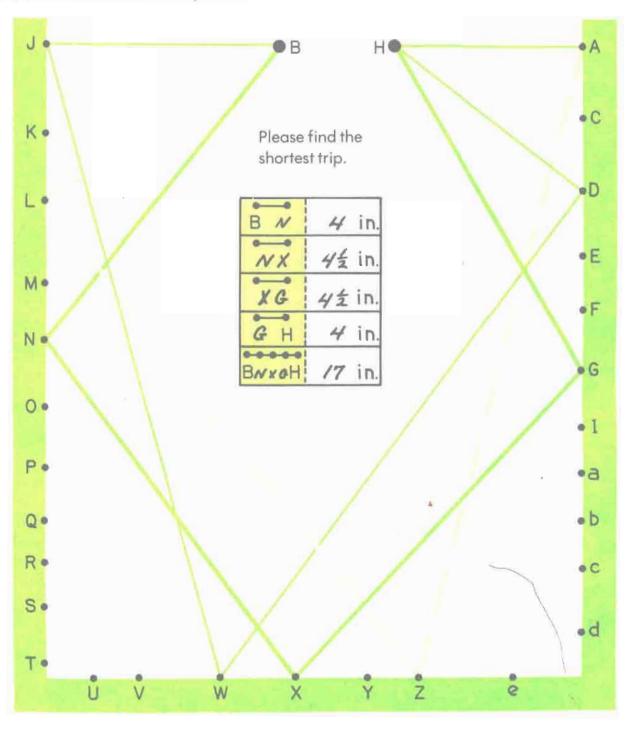
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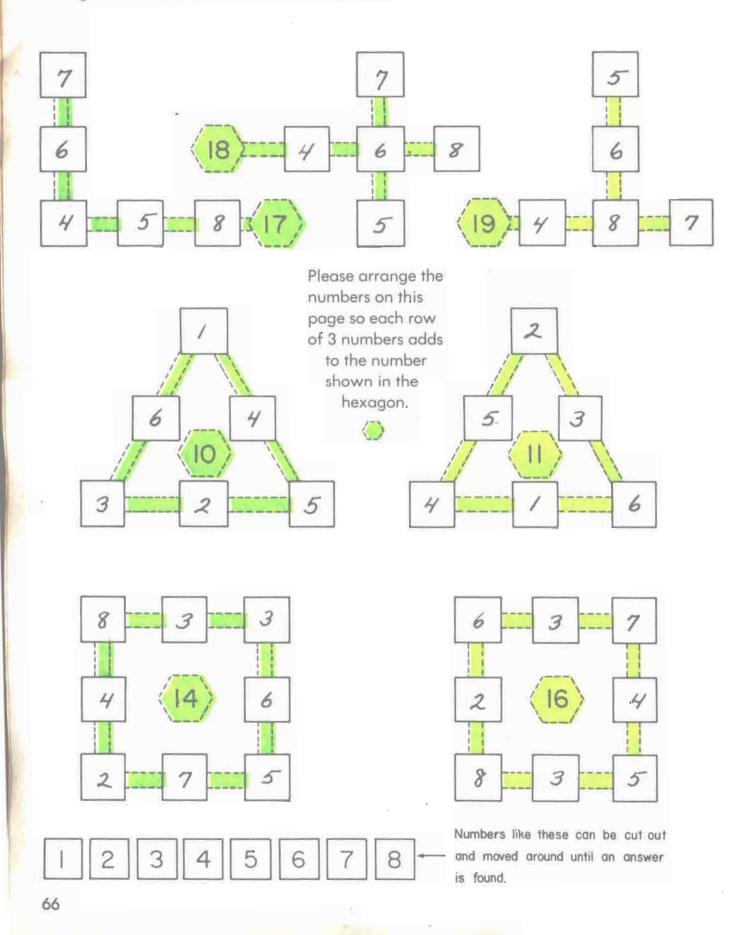
The bug must touch both walls before he can eat the honey.



BUG-TRIP GEOMETRY

The bug must touch all three walls before he can eat the honey.





You will become famous as a mathematician if you can prove this statement:

"Every even number greater than 2 is the sum of two prime numbers."

This statement was written in 1742 by C. Goldbach (1690-1764).

Since then, no one has found an exception . . . and no one has proven there is no exception.

Don't think it's an easy task: Many famous mathematicians have tried to find an exception or to prove there are none.

Even numbers larger than 2 are

4, 6, 8, 10 , 12 , 14 , 16 , etc.

Prime numbers are

whole numbers that have only 2 different factors — 1 and the number itself:

Using only those prime numbers, can you complete the following as true statements:

More than 2000 years ago, a Greek mathematician invented a "sieve" that would catch all prime numbers.

We can use his sieve on all numbers 100 or less, crossing out all multiples of

2,3,5 and 7

that are larger than
2, 3, 5 and 7.
(The number 1 is by
definition not a prime.)
All the numbers left
are primes.

Sieve of Eratosthenes

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|------|----|-----------------|-----|----|----|-----|----|-----|--------------------|
| Ж | 24 | 3′ | 4 | 5* | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | | | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| | 22 | 23 | 24) | | 26 | 27) | 21 | 29" | (0) |
| 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | | 36 | 37√ | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| 41 | | 43 | 44 | | 46 | 47 | 47 | | 50 |
| (51) | 52 | 53 ^r | 54 | | | 57 | 58 | 59 | (60) |
| 61 | 62 | | 64 | | 66 | 67' | 68 | 69) | |
| 71 | 72 | 73 | 24 | | 76 | | 78 | 791 | 80 |
| 81) | 82 | 83 ^r | 9 | | 86 | 87 | 88 | 89" | 90 |
| | 92 | 93) | 94 | | 96 | 97 | 98 | 99 | 100 |

Primes less than 100 . . . caught in Eratosthenes Sieve.

Jim said he couldn't prove Goldbach's guess, "But I can prove every even number from 14 through 100 can be shown as the sum of 2 different pairs of primes — because I did it!"

He agreed that 3 + 11 and 11 + 3 are not "different pairs" but he found 2 different pairs for 14 = 7 + 7 = 3 + 11Can you find 2 different pairs for all even numbers 16 through 100?

$$46 = 43 + 3 = 4/ + 5$$

$$48 = 43 + 5 = 4/ + 7$$

$$50 = 47 + 3 = 4/ + 7$$

$$52 = 47 + 5 = 4/ + 1/$$

$$54 = 47 + 7 = 4/ + 1/$$

$$56 = 53 + 3 = 4/ + 1/$$

$$60 = 53 + 7 = 4/ + 1/$$

$$62 = 59 + 3 = 4/ + 1/$$

$$64 = 53 + 1/ = 6/ + 3$$

$$66 = 53 + 1/ = 4/ + 1/$$

$$68 = 6/ + 7 = 37 + 3/$$

$$70 = 53 + 17 = 4/ + 29$$

$$72 = 53 + 19 = 67 + 5$$

$$74 = 7/ + 3 = 67 + 7$$

$$86 = 83 + 3 = 79 + 7$$

Q.E.D. — Quod Erat Demonstrandum (Which was to be demonstrated) — proved.

Jim made other claims:

"I found 9 different pairs for 90, 8 pairs for 84, and 7 pairs for 78 and 96."

Let's check his claims.

Also, "between 50 and 100 there is only 1 number that cannot be shown as the sum of 3 different pairs."

Can you find it? 68 = 7 + 6/ = 31 + 37

"My studies," Jim concluded, "haven't proved Goldbach's guess, but I have a stronger feeling he was probably right!"

Do you aree with Jim?

Goldbach's guess was published in 1742.

Every even number 4 or larger can be shown as the sum of 2 primes!

For the next 185 years, mathematicians tried to find an exception or prove Goldbach was right . . . but without results.

In 1937, I. M. Vinogradov made the first significant progress. He proved that:

"Every 'sufficiently large' odd number is a sum of 3 odd primes."

What does "sufficiently large" mean?

Since "3" is the smallest odd prime, then what is the smallest odd number we could consider?

Let's consider odd numbers as sums of 3 odd primes.

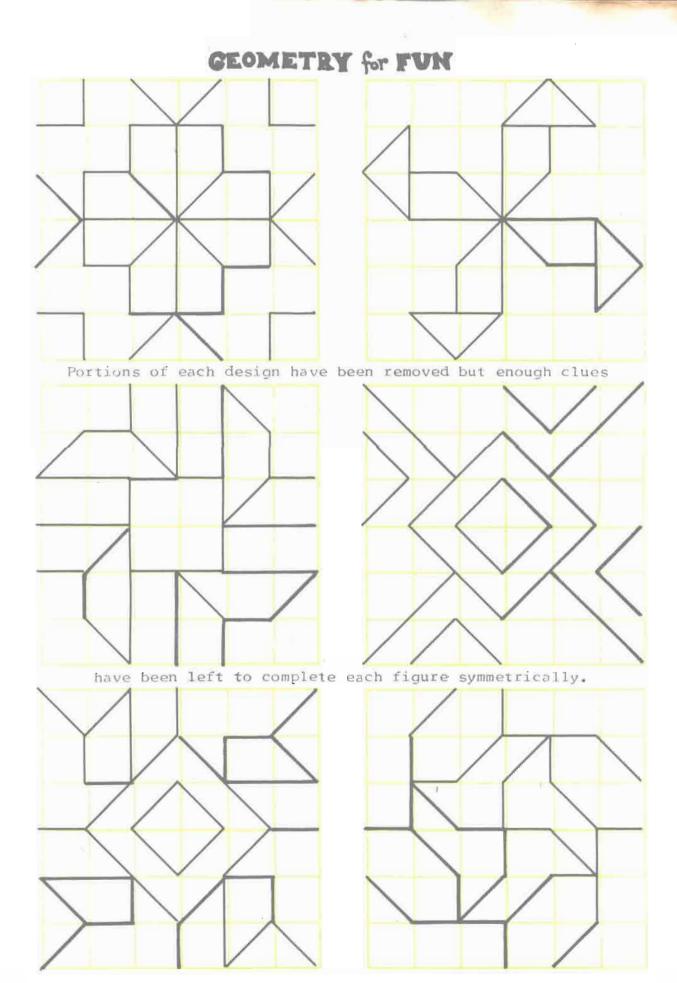
Odd primes 3,5,7,11,13,17,19,23,29,31,37,41,43,47,53,59,61,67,71

$$17 = 5 + 5 + 7$$
 $41 = 7 + 17 + 17$ $65 = 19 + 23 + 23$

$$21 = 7 + 7 + 7$$
 $45 = 11 + 17 + 17$ $69 = 23 + 23 + 23$

Perhaps you would like to extend this investigation, but remember,

Vinogradov has proved you can never find an exception.





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All You Will Need to Know About Metric

(For Your Everyday Life)

Note: This chart may be reproduced



Metric is based on Decimal system

The metric system is simple to learn. For use in your everyday life you will need to learn only ten new units. You will also need to get used to a few new temperatures. There are even some metric units with which you are already familiar: those for time and electricity are the same as

The children can compare the accuracy of the underlined items with the paperclips in their classroom.

BASIC UNITS

METER: a little longer than a yard (about 1.1 yards) LITER: a little larger than a quart (about 1.06 quarts) a little more than the weight of a paper clip

(comparative sizes are shown)

1 METER

1 YARD



25 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT

COMMON PREFIXES

(to be used with basic units)

one-thousandth (0.001) one-hundredth (0.01) centi: one-thousand times (1000)

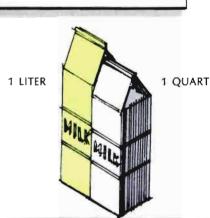
For example:

kilometer:

kilogram:

milliliter:

1000 millimeters = 1 meter 100 centimeters = 1 meter 1000 meters = 1 kilometer



OTHER COMMONLY USED UNITS



25 DEGREES CELSIUS

0.001 meter diameter of paper clip wire millimeter: 0.01 meter centimeter:

a little more than the width of a paper clip (about 0.4 inch) 1000 meters somewhat further than 1/2 mile (about 0.6 mile) 1000 grams a little more than 2 pounds (about 2.2 pounds)

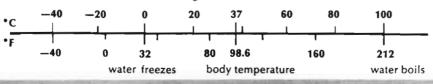
0.001 liter five of them make a teaspoon

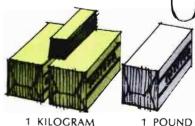
OTHER USEFUL UNITS

hectare: about 21/2 acres tonne: about one ton

TEMPERATURE

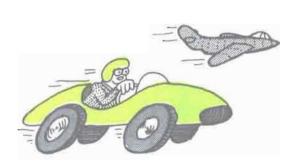
degrees Celsius are used





The children will need stopwatches or wristwatches with second hands.

Time Yourself Measuring Speeds





Out on the playground, mark off 30 meters and pick a partner to time you.

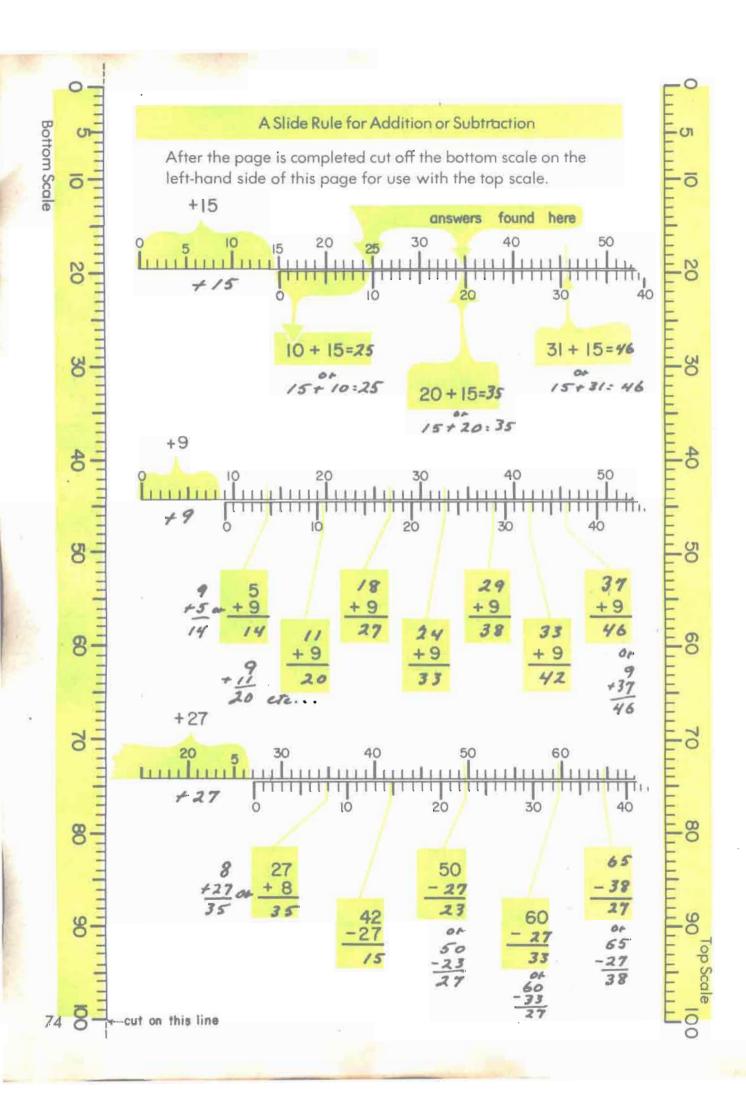
| Walk | 95 | fast as | you can |
|------|----|---------|---------|
| | | | seconds |
| 2nd | | | 3.6 |
| 3rd | w. | | 18 |

Mark off 15 meters and try running sideways.

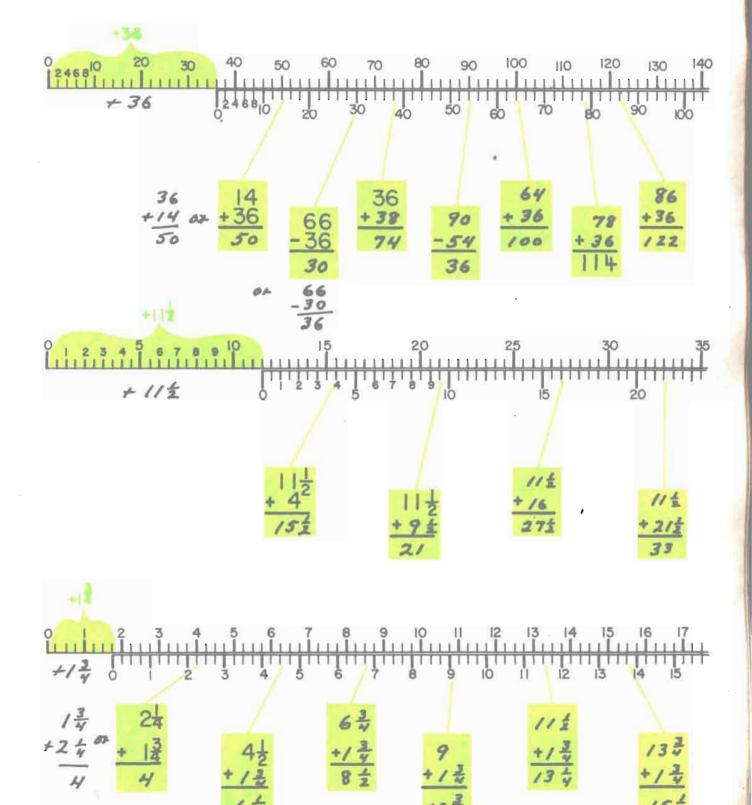
1st try ____ seconds 2nd " ___ " 3rd " ___ "

Try skipping as fast as you can.

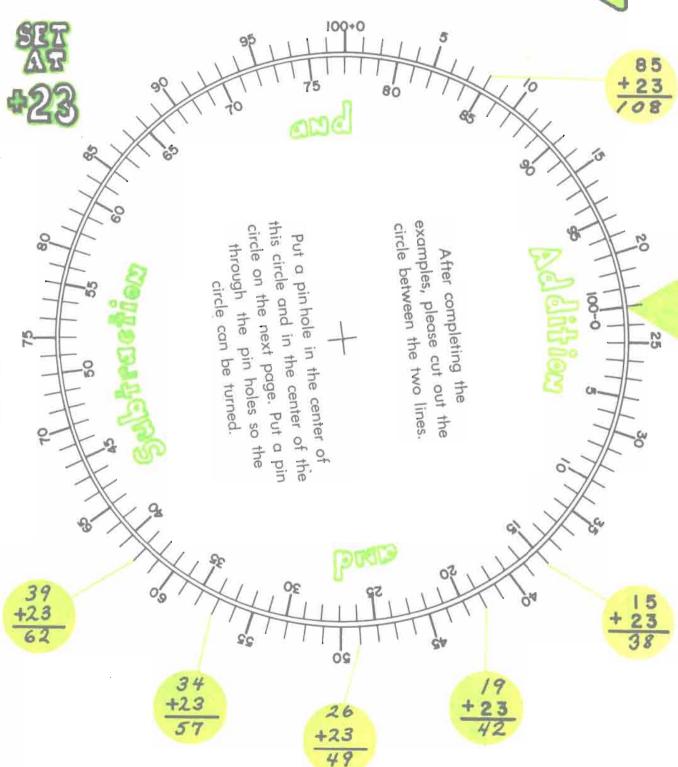
Try running with your hands tied.



Slide Rules with Different Scales

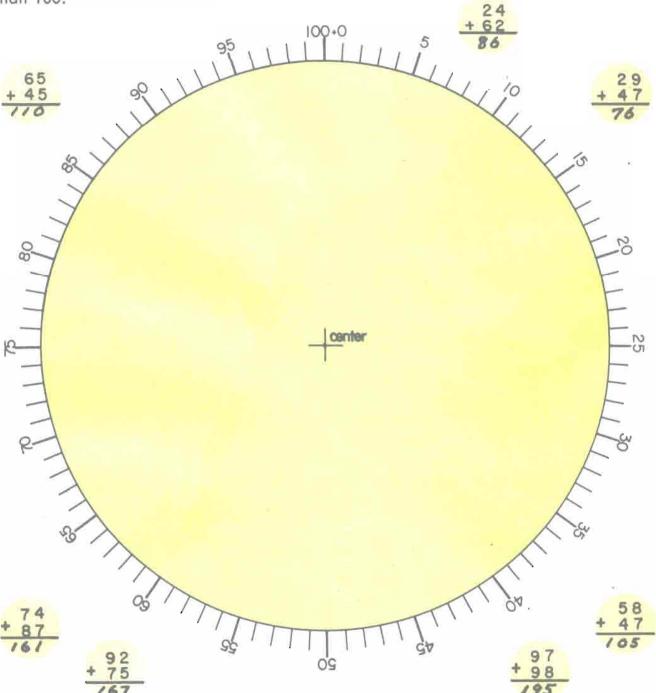


A SLIDE RULE



With this Circular Slide Rule you can find the sums of any 2-digit numbers . . . but you must know whether the sum is more than or less than 100.





(Your slide rule will last longer if you mount this sheet on heavy cardboard and the movable center scale on heavier paper or cardboard.)

After you finish the next page, you can tear out this sheet and have your own portable slide rule.

MEASURING THE BUILDING I LIVE IN



I live in a:

| house | | boot | duple |
|---------------|----|----------|-----------|
| apartment | 10 | tent | bus |
| igloo | | barn | cave |



Can you walk around it? _____ How many steps around is it? ____

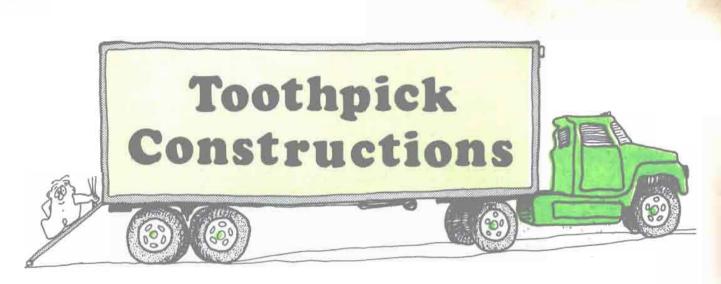


If you stacked 10 of your buildings on top of each other, how tall would they be?



Tell some more interesting facts about your building, such as how many windows, doors inside and outside, etc.

The Sears Tower in Chicago is the tallest inhabited building in the world. It is 1454 feet tall. (From the 1974 edition of The Guinness Book of Records, page 279.)



FORM A GROUP WITH 2 OR 3 PEOPLE AND GET 50 TOOTHPICKS OR POPSICLE STICKS AND GLUE.

NOWPICK A PROJECT!

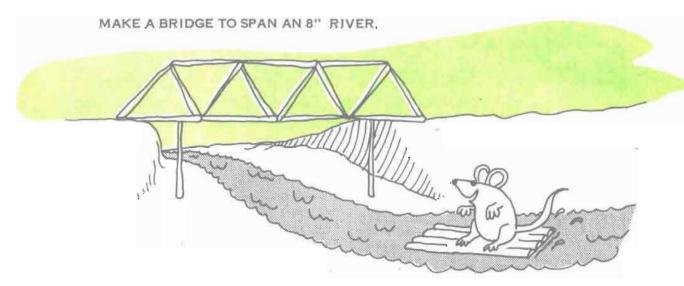
MAKE A CONSTRUCTION STRONG ENOUGH TO HOLD A BRICK AT LEAST

1" ABOVE THE TABLE,

MAKE THE TALLEST CONSTRUCTION THAT WILL STAND UP.

MAKE THE CONSTRUCTION THAT IS BIGGEST AROUND AT THE BOTTOM AND 3" HIGH.

MAKE A CONSTRUCTION TO HOLD A BASEBALL, AS HIGH AS POSSIBLE.





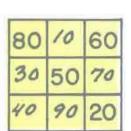
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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|------|---|---|
| 8 | 1 | 6 | | 4 | 3 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 2 |
| 3 | 5 | 7 | | 9 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 3 | 5 | 7 |
| 4 | 9 | 2 | | 2 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 1 | 6 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | 3 | 4 | | 2 | 9 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 7 | 6 |
| Ţ | 5 | 9 | | 7 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 9 | 5 | 1 |
| | _ | | 1 | | | | | | | | | |

Mr. Magic has rearranged the numbers 1

thru 9 into 8 different "magic squares".

A "magic square" is an arrangement of numbers in such a way that the sum of the numbers in all rows, all columns and all diagonals is the same number.

| 5 | 5 | 2 |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 4 | 7 |
| 6 | 3 | 3 |



In Mr. Magic's "magic squares", all rows, columns, and diagonals add to 15. He shows all ways this can be done with numbers 1 thru 9.

But there are many other "magic squares". Can you complete the following so they are all magic?

| 5 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 6 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 |
| 3 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 5 |

| 5 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|---|---|---|----|---|
| 5 | 5 | 4 | 10 | 8 |
| 4 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 8 |
| | | | | |

| 10 | 45 | 20 |
|----|----|----|
| 35 | 25 | 15 |
| 30 | 5 | 40 |

| 0 | 0 | 0 |
|---|---|---|
| 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 |

Looking at the previous page:

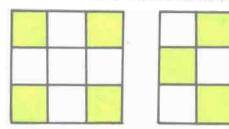
What do you notice that's true of all these?

In each, all rows, columns and diagonals add to the same number which we will call the "magic number". In Mr. Magic's 8 squares that number is 15.

Is there any connection between the magic number and the number in the center?

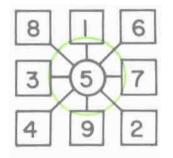
In Mr. Magic's square—15 is the magic number and 5 is the center number.

In each square, add the 4 corners and then add the 4 side numbers:

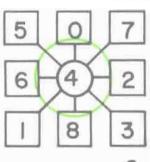


Do these sums have any relationship to the "magic number" in each example?

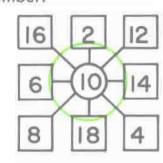
Consider the pairs of numbers at the ends of each row, column and diagonal that include the center number.



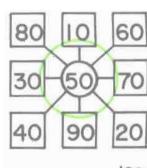
ends add to 10



ends add to 8



ends add to 20



ends add to 100

What connection is there between those sums and the center number?

Please use what you have found out to complete the following as "magic squares"?

| 5 | 0 | 4 |
|---|---|---|
| 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 2 | 6 |] |

| 2 | 1 | 3 |
|---|---|---|
| 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 1 | 3 | 2 |

| 8 | 1 | 6 |
|---|---|---|
| 3 | 5 | 7 |
| 4 | 9 | 2 |

| 15 | 1 | 11 |
|----|----|----|
| 5 | 9 | 13 |
| 7 | 17 | 3 |

Ben's Guess

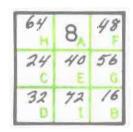
"I think all the multiplication tables can be arranged in "magic squares"

Let's test Ben's "guess".

| 32 | 4, | 24 |
|---------|---------|----|
| 12 | 20 E | 28 |
| /6 D | 36 | 8 |

| 40 | 5, | 30 |
|----|----|----|
| 15 | 25 | 35 |
| 20 | 45 | 10 |



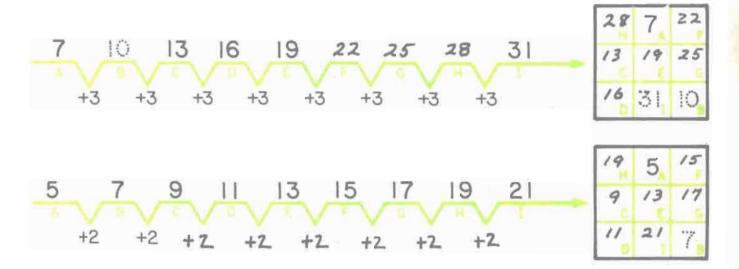


| 72 | 9 | 54 |
|----|----|----|
| 27 | 45 | 63 |
| 36 | 81 | 18 |

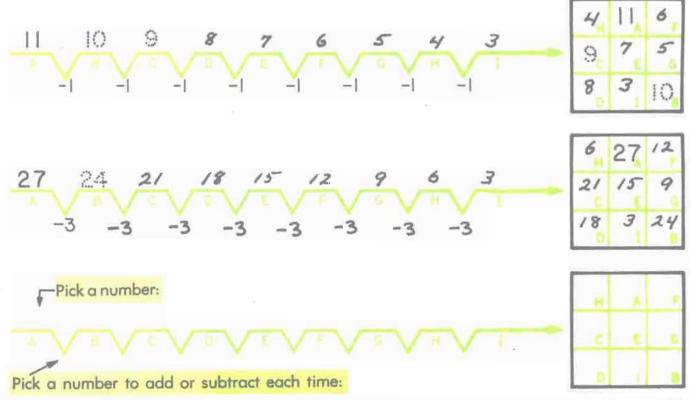
| 80 | 10 | 60 |
|----|----|----|
| 30 | 50 | 70 |
| 40 | 90 | 20 |

Joanne's Discoveries

"I can begin with any number at A and then keep adding any other number to get the rest of the list — if I use the same number each time. Here's the way I think of it:"



"Further, I find that it will work backwards if you start with a large enough number — and keep subtracting some numbers to find the next one in the list. Here are two examples.



Ben Pushes Joanne's Discoveries Further

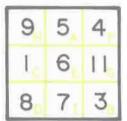
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A Puzzle

"I used Joanne's way to keep track as I looked at 'magic squares' that don't follow the pattern we have been using."

| 5 | 0 | 7 |
|---|---|---|
| 6 | 4 | 2 |
| 1 | 8 | 3 |





7 8 9 10 8 6 7 8 9 After I saw this pattern, I changed the form to show more clearly what I had noticed.

9 10 7 8 9 6 7

+1





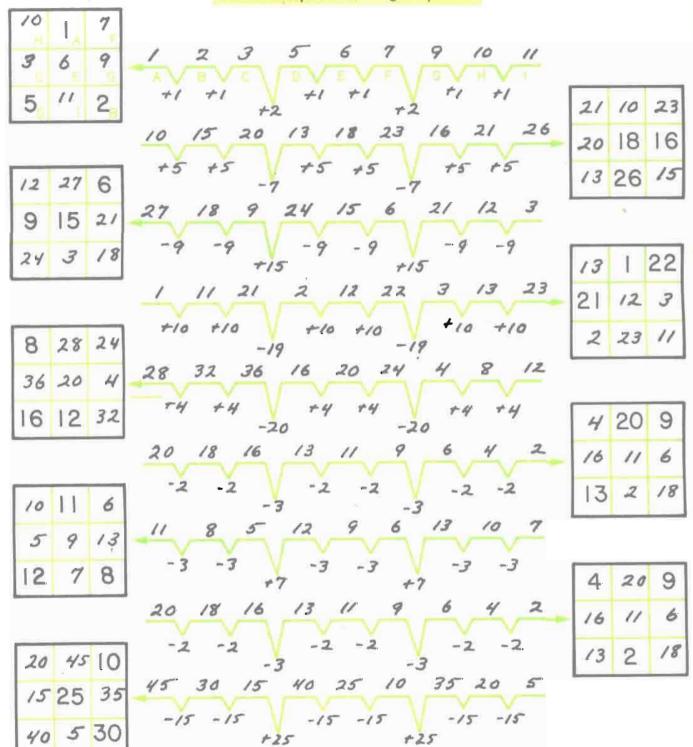


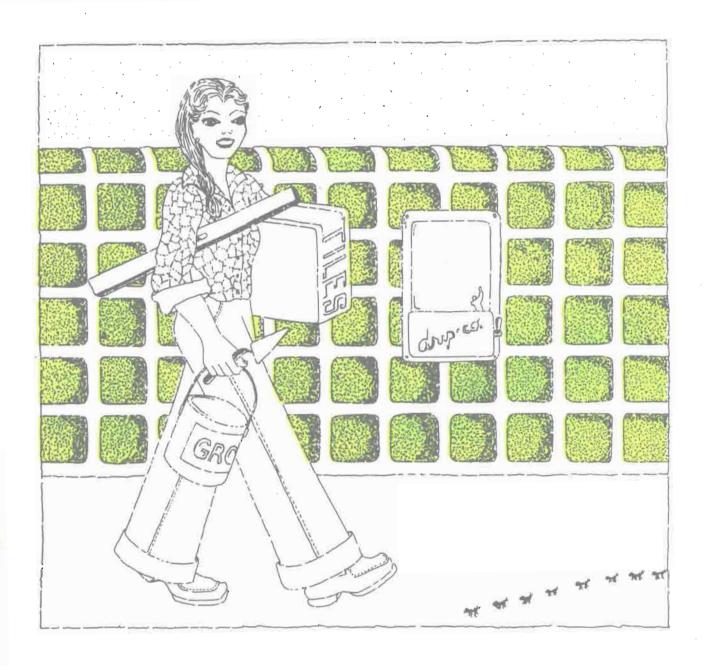
Now you know more about 3 by 3 "magic squares" than most other people do.

You can make "magic squares" of the puzzles on this page using the discoveries of Ben and Joanne.

We will show the letter pattern only once.

Please complete as "magic squares"





from tiles to tricks

Theresa told her teacher that her mother, Mrs. Burg, had made up some interesting tricks and would like to show them to her class. So, no one was surprised when Mrs. Burg came to class one morning, but no one expected her to be carrying a large box full of tiles.

"What do you do with all those tiles?" asked Sarah.

"Didn't you know I was a tilesetter? . . . They call me 'Tanya the Tilesetter.' Let me show you a trick."

"Great!" said Bert.

"I'm going to look out the window. Someone pick a number from 1 through 12. Write it on the board twice. First, divide it by 3 and then divide it by 4. Write down the "remainder". And erase everything else.

"I'll show you. If someone picked the secret number 7, this arithmetic would be written on the board . . .

$$2^{R1}$$
 and 4^{R3}

"Then, the secret number and the whole number part of the answer would be erased so it would look like this:



"Finally, I'd turn around . . . and tell you the secret number.

"Remember: pick the secret number from the whole numbers 1 through 12. I'll write the list on the board.

| 12 | 9 | 6 | 3 |
|----|---|----|----|
| 4 | Ţ | 10 | 7 |
| 8 | 5 | 2 | ΙĨ |

"Did I forget any?"

"No, but why did you write them in that mixed up way?" Laurie asked.

"Because I wanted them to be in order," Mrs. Burg explained.

"Mrs. Burg, do you call that being in order?" asked Michael.

"Maybe you'll understand my order later. Let's see what happens. Bill, will you please pick a number from the list and do the arithmetic? Remember—divide your secret number by 3 and then divide it by 4." While Mrs. Burg looked out the window, Bill wrote:

| 3 | R2 | | 2 | R3 |
|------|----|-----|------|----|
| 3 11 | | and | 4 11 | |

"Okay, I'm ready," said Bill.

"Before I turn around, please erase the secret number and the whole number part of both answers."

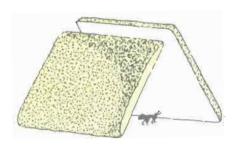
Bill followed directions, "It's done,"

Mrs. Burg turned around and looked quickly at the board—"Your secret number is 11!"

"Right!" Then Bill went on: "You have a funny idea of 'order', but you sure must know something I don't know!"

"How do you do it?" Tom asked.

"Believe it or not," Mrs. Burg answered, "the secret is in that order you think is strange."



"I'd like you all to make some experiments with these little square tiles. Let's start with just 12 each. We're going to put them in rows, so you should draw a diagram so there is space for 3 rows of tiles:

| l) | | | | | (a tile) |
|----|---|---|---|--|----------|
| 2 | П | D | _ | | |
| 3 | | | | | |

"How many different numbers of tiles can you put in the diagram so there are the same number in each row?

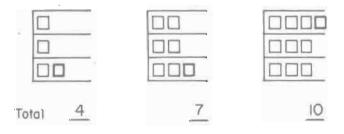
| Total | 12 | 3 | 9 | 6 |
|-------|----|---|---|---|

"We could describe the arrangements this way:

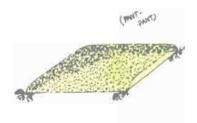
Another Experiment

"Let's try another experiment. How many different numbers of tiles can you arrange so there are the same number in each row with 1 tile left over? . . . Remember 12 is the largest number of tiles you can use."

The answers were quick in coming, and sketches were made:



Theresa couldn't keep quiet any longer. She had promised her Mother she would not give any of the secrets away too soon . . "I know another way."



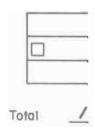
"All right, Theresa, what is it?"

"None in each row and 1 left over."

"That isn't fair," said Kathy.

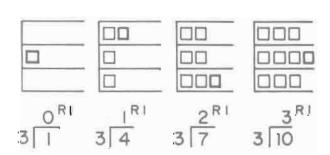
Connie blurted out, "You can't do that."

Theresa said: "Look at my tiles; I did it."



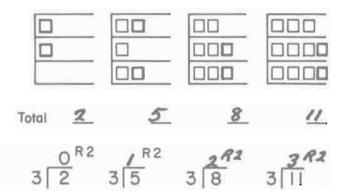
"Well," Mrs. Burg broke in, "Theresa wouldn't be right if we had a rule that there had to be at least one in each row... but let's not have that rule.

"So, we can describe our arrangements this way:

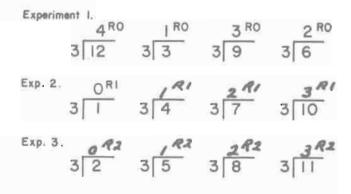


"Now, let's do still another experiment. Let's look for arrangements that have 2 left over."

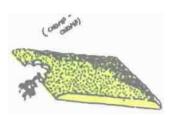
Everyone went to work. Soon the results were in. The sketches and reports looked like this:



"Let's collect the results of our experiments and look at them together . . . and put one more thing in the first reports. We can show there were none left over this way:



(Please fill in the missing numbers.)



"Now look at this summary and at my first arrangement of numbers 1 through 12:



"The number of tiles used in each experiment were:

| Exp. I. | 12 | 3 | 6 | 9 |
|---------|----|---|---|----|
| Exp. 2. | Ť | 4 | 7 | 10 |
| Ехр. 3. | 2 | 5 | 8 | 11 |

Part of Mrs. Burg's "order" was clear. All the numbers when divided by 3 have—

(top row) a Remainder of 0 or (middle row) a Remainder of 1 or (bottom row) a Remainder of 2 Margie said, "We could rearrange our numbers in each row so they are in the same order as Mrs. Burg's—if there is any reason to do it."

"You can be sure I do have a reason," Mrs. Burg said. "Look at the columns in my arrangement."

| | | ÷ 4 | | | | |
|----|----|-----|---|----|----|--|
| | | а | b | С | d | |
| | RO | 12 | 9 | 6 | 3 | |
| ÷3 | RI | 4 | 1 | 10 | 7 | |
| | R2 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 11 | |

"What do you see about the numbers in column 'a'? . . .

Please fill in the answers in the following examples.

| a | b | С | d |
|--------------|------------------------|------|-----|
| 3 RO 4 12 | 2 ^{RI} 4 9 | 4 6 | 4 3 |
| 4 4 | 4 1 | 2 R2 | 4 7 |
| 4 8 | 45 | 0 R2 | 2R3 |

| | RO | COLU | JMNS R2 | R3 |
|------|------|------|------------|-----|
| ROWS | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| 3 RO | 12 | 9 | 6 | 3 |
| 3 RI | 4 | 1 | 10 | 7 |
| 3 R2 | 8 | 5 | 2 | (1) |
| | 3 R2 | and | R3 | |

The Secret

"You see," Mrs. Burg explained, "there is a very clear pattern to my chart. Do you see how I did my trick now?"

"I get it," said Nancy. "You found Bill's secret number by finding a number that is in both row 'R²' and that is also in column 'R³' (when dividing by 4)—the number is 11."



"Can you use my secret order to find the secret number in each of these examples?" asked Mrs. Burg.

3 / and 4 / is /

3 / and 4 / is /

3 / and 4 / is /

3 / and 4 / 3 is 3

2 R2 2 R0

3 / 8 and 4 / 8 is 8

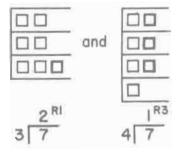
3 / 2 and 4 / 2 is / 2

3 / 8 and 4 / 7 is / 2

3 / 8 and 4 / 7 is / 8 is / 8

"By the way," said Mrs. Burg, "there's usually a lot of work behind 'tricks' . . . a lot of preparation.

"I used to think about a given number of tiles, like 7 tiles, for example, and arrange them first in 3 rows and then in 4 rows . . . and I used arithmetic to record the result:



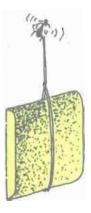
"Then, I wrote the results on a slip of paper:

"I don't usually let anyone see the sketch I just showed you," said Mrs. Burg. "I keep a little card in my purse that I can glance at to find the secret numbers. Perhaps you would like to make a card of your own and try the trick on your friends."

Everyone thanked Mrs. Burg for showing them how she invented the trick.

"You see," Mrs. Burg explained, "since my job is setting tile, sometimes I do the same thing so often I can do it without thinking. So, I begin looking for something else about arranging tiles that is interesting something most people wouldn't notice.



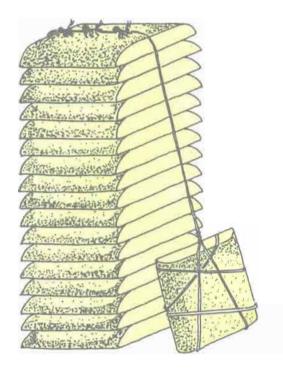


"I did this with all numbers of tiles, 1 through 12.

"I thought of this 'trick' when I found out that pairs of remainders were all different: so if I knew the remainder of any number, 1 through 12 when divided by 3 and by 4, I could find out the number.

"So, later I organized all the slips into this table:

| | | Re | main | ier w | hen o | ivide | d by | 4 | |
|-----------------|----|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| | | R | 1 | R | - | R | _ | R | and the local division in which the |
| | П | RI | Ri | Ri | R2 | RI | R3 | RI | RO |
| when | RI | , | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | / | 1 | 0 |
| divided by 3 | - | 3 T | 4 T | - | | 3 7 R2 | | 3 4 R2 | 4 4 RO |
| | R2 | , | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| | - | 3 5 RO | 4 5 RI | 3 2 RO | _ | 3 II RO | 4[II R3 | 3 8 RO | 4 8 RO |
| | RO | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | , | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| | | 3 9 | 4 9 | 3 6 | 46 | 3 3 | 4 3 | 3 12 | 4 12 |



"To make things easier, I wrote:

| | | | 4 | _ | |
|---|----|----|----|-----|----|
| | | RI | R2 | R3 | RO |
| | RL | 1 | 10 | 7 | 4 |
| - | R2 | 5 | 2 | ij. | 8 |
| 3 | RO | 9 | 6 | 3 | 12 |

"I'll leave these spare tiles with you. Maybe you can invent a trick."

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more tile tricks

Theresa walked into the hall with her Mother. "Can I tell some of my friends about 4's and 7's?" she asked.

"Sure, but don't tell them about 3's, 4's and 5's all together. I'm going to tell Ben's class about that trick."

"OK, we'll start with 4's and 7's. If they want to, can we try 5's and 8's?"

"Sure, if they want. Help them with any of our 2-number tricks!"

Later, Theresa talked with her friends about learning tricks using other numbers. They decided to start with 4's and 7's.

"We'll need to arrange numbers according to their remainder when divided by 7... and then their remainder when divided by 4."

"How many different remainders can we have when dividing by 7?"

"The remainders can only be 0 through 6," said Mark, "... and, when dividing by 4, they can only be 0 through 3."

"We can name the columns and rows the way Mrs. Burg did," said Ellen.

| - | | | (÷7 |) (| COLI | UMN | S | |
|------|----|----|-----|-----|------|-----|----|----|
| | | RO | RI | R2 | R3 | R4 | R5 | R6 |
| | RO | 28 | 8 | 16 | 24 | 4 | 12 | 20 |
| ROWS | RI | 21 | 1 | 9 | 17 | 25 | 5 | 13 |
| (÷4) | R2 | 14 | 22 | 2 | 10 | 18 | 24 | 6 |
| | R3 | 7 | 15 | 23 | 3 | 11 | 19 | 27 |

The group agreed on a plan. Each of Theresa's friends would try some examples and find where different numbers belong. For example:

So, 18, belongs in Row R² and column R⁴.

They each took several numbers from 1 through 28 to find where they should go in the 4's and 7's chart. They divided each number by 4 and then by 7 to find the remainders—and then wrote that number in the proper row and column.

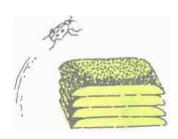
It was slow going.

Then Bill thought of an idea. "We can get the numbers in the proper row easy enough—just writing them in order, row by row:

| | RO | RI | R2 | R3 | R4 | R5 | R6 |
|------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 7 | | J | | _ | | 5 | 6 |
| ÷4 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | IÌ | 12 | 13 |
| ROWS | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 1 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |

'Then, we can work down each column, dividing each number by 4 and putting it in the right column.

$$(\div 7)$$
 RO
 $28 \div 4 \Rightarrow RO$
 $7 \div 4 \Rightarrow R3$
 $14 \div 4 \Rightarrow R2$
 $21 \div 4 \Rightarrow R1$



"So, we can rearrange the first column:

"Now we can take Column R1 (÷ 7)

$$(\div 7) \frac{R1}{1 + 4 \rightarrow R1}$$

$$8 \div 4 \rightarrow R0$$

$$15 \div 4 \rightarrow R3$$

$$22 \div 4 \rightarrow R3$$

So we can rearrange the second column:

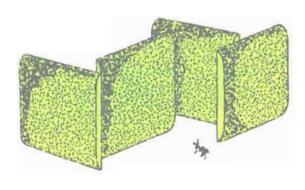
| | RO | RI | |
|----|----|----|--|
| RO | 28 | 8 | |
| RI | 21 | E | |
| R2 | 14 | 22 | |
| R3 | 7 | 15 | |

Some liked Bill's idea—others went on with their way of doing each number at a time.

When you have completed the chart suggested by Theresa's mother, you can let anyone select a number from 1 through 28—tell them to keep it secret—tell them to divide by 4 and by 7 and show you only the remainder.

And by checking the chart you can call out secret numbers in a few seconds. Try finding these secret numbers:

| 6 RI 4 25 and | 3 R4 |
|------------------|--------------|
| 4 17 and | 7 /7 |
| 4 5 and | 7 5 R5 |
| 5 R2 4 22 and | 3 RI 7 22 |
| o R3 4 3 and | 7 3 |



Here is a chart worked out by Theresa and her friends to find out secret numbers 1 through 56 when given remainders after dividing by 7 and 8:

| | | | | | (÷ | 8) | | | |
|------------|----|----|----|----|-----|----|----|----|----|
| | | RO | RI | R2 | R3 | R4 | R5 | R6 | R7 |
| | RO | 56 | 49 | 42 | 35 | 28 | 21 | 14 | 7 |
| | RI | 8 | T, | 50 | 43 | 36 | 29 | 22 | 15 |
| | R2 | 16 | 9 | 2 | 51 | 44 | 37 | 30 | 23 |
| $(\div 7)$ | R3 | 24 | 17 | 10 | 3 | 52 | 45 | 38 | 31 |
| | R4 | 32 | 25 | 18 | Ш | 4 | 53 | 46 | 39 |
| | R5 | 40 | 33 | 26 | 19 | 12 | 5 | 54 | 47 |
| | R6 | 48 | 41 | 34 | 27 | 20 | 13 | 6 | 55 |

You can practice on the following examples before showing your friends how easily you can find their secret numbers.

| 7 /8 and 8 /8 |
|--|
| 7 29 and 8 29 |
| 6 R3 5 R5 7 45 and 8 45 |
| |
| 7 31 and 8 31 |
| 4 R3 3 R7 7 31 and 8 31 6 R4 5 R6 7 46 and 8 46 |

