

# Helping Teachers Connect Assessing Numerical Proficiency and Classroom Instruction

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# MRI

# Math Reasoning Inventory

Find out what students really  
understand about math

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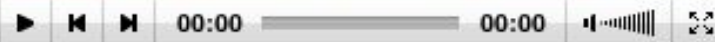
## Find out what your students really understand about math

- Focus on how students think and reason
- Uncover students' strategies, understandings, and misconceptions
- Learn how students respond to questions the Common Core expects all middle school students to answer successfully

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*Why is Marilyn Burns so excited about MRI?*



### The Assessments

Math Reasoning Inventory (MRI) is an online formative assessment tool designed to make teachers' classroom instruction more effective.

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### The Reports

MRI instant reports can be used to inform instruction, monitor progress, identify students who would benefit from intervention, and communicate with parents.

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### Reasoning Strategies

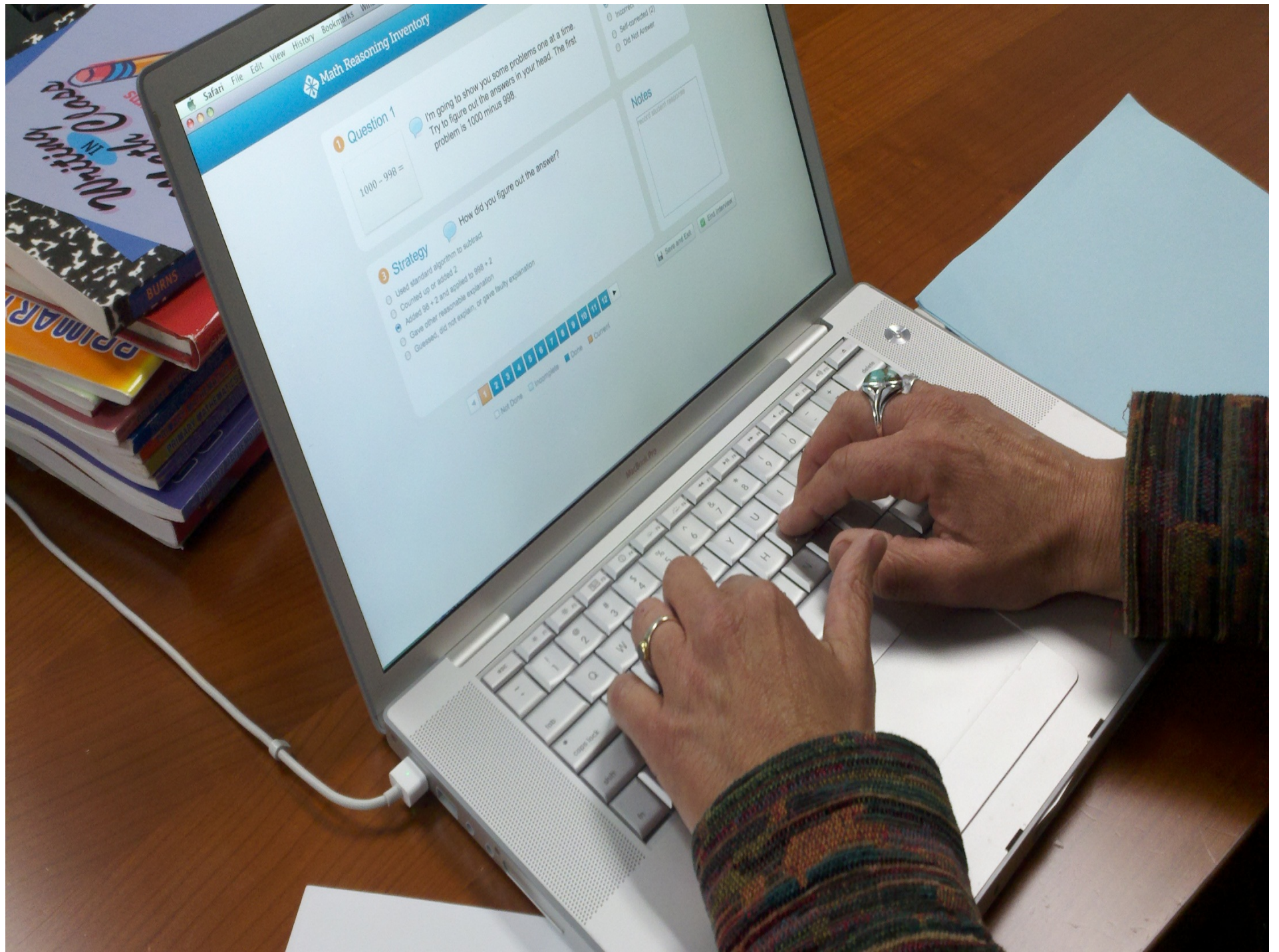
The MRI Interview reveals the strategies students use to reason with whole numbers, decimals, and fractions.

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*"In just a few minutes, I was able to gain valuable awareness about my math students and adjust my lessons accordingly."*

— Diana Jones  
Grade 6 Teacher  
SLCUSD, California







MRI asks questions that the Common Core expects all students entering middle school to be able to answer successfully.

***Reasoning*** is the heart of MRI.

The *Interview* is the core of MRI.



- We ask . . .
- We listen . . .
- We learn . . .

# Using MRI to support professional learning

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Search by Interview Question Search by Student 

**Natasha** 06:49  
Excerpt of Interview

**Natasha** 00:22  
Compare  $\frac{4}{5}$ , 0.503, and 0.7

**Natasha** 00:28  
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**Natasha** 01:43  
20 days, 1.5 miles each day



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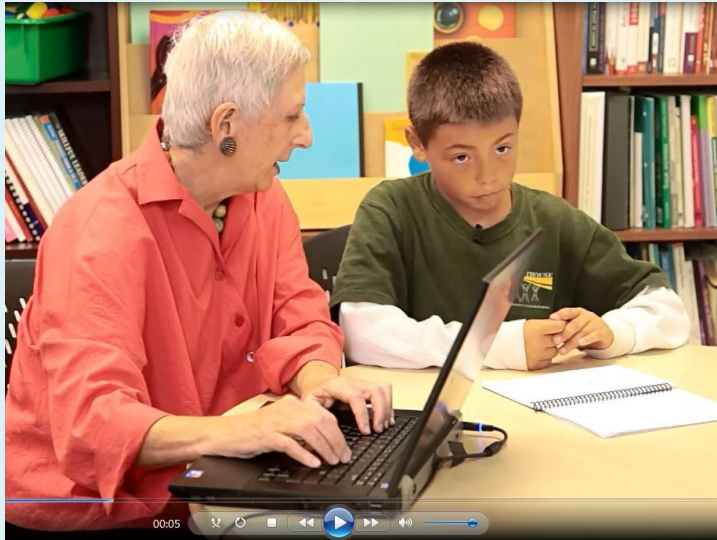
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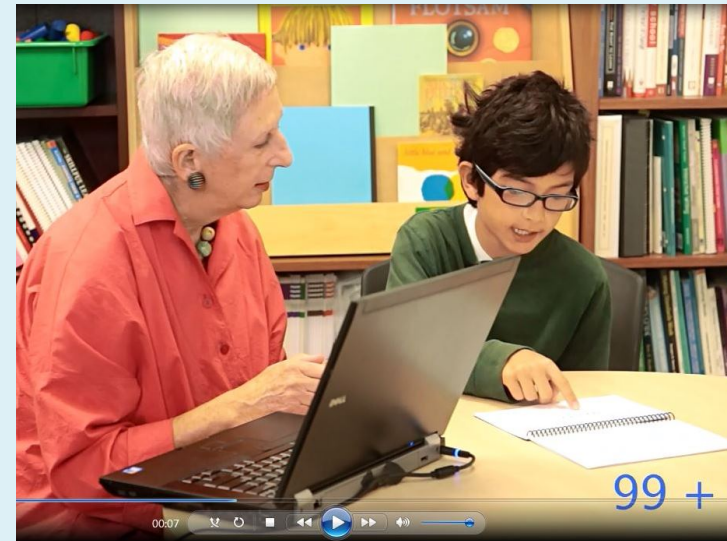
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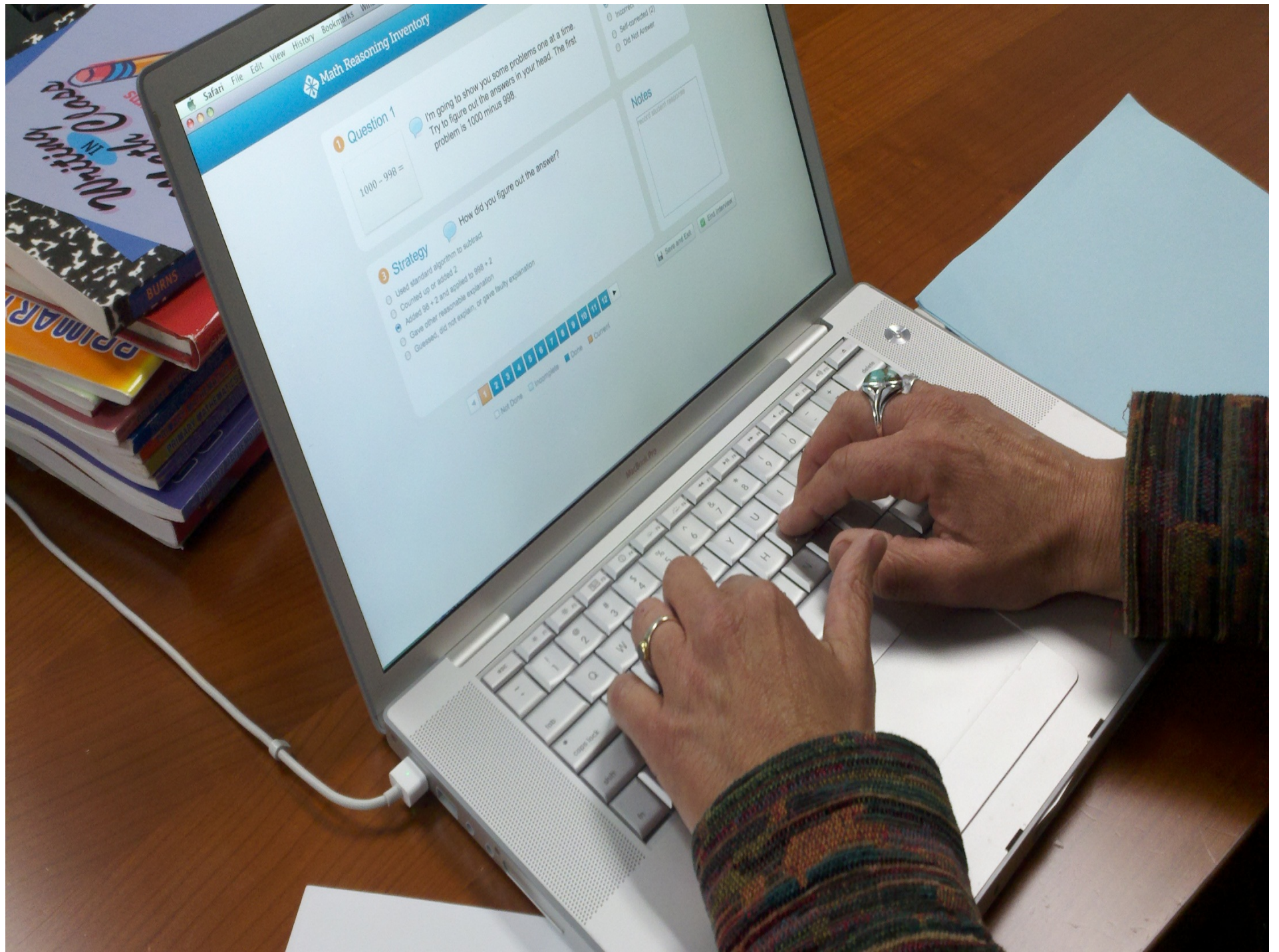
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### 1 Question 7

$$15 \times 12 =$$

What is 15 times 12?

### 2 Answer

- ☐ Correct (180)  
☐ Incorrect   
☐ Self-corrected (180)  
☐ Did Not Answer

### 3 Explanation How did you figure out the answer?


- ☐ Used standard algorithm to multiply  
☐ Broke 15 and/or 12 into parts and then multiplied (e.g.,  $15 \times 10$  and then  $15 \times 2$ )  
☐ Changed to an easier problem,  $30 \times 6$ , by doubling and halving  
☐ Gave other reasonable explanation  
☐ Guessed, did not explain, or gave faulty explanation


### Notes

record student response



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 Save and Exit

 End Interview



$$15 \times 12$$

# Common Core Connection

## Grade 4

### Number and Operations in Base Ten

Use place value understanding and properties of operations to perform multi-digit arithmetic.

CCSS.Math.Content.4.NBT.B.5 Multiply a whole number of up to four digits by a one-digit whole number, and multiply two two-digit numbers, using strategies based on place value and the properties of operations.



# Common Core Connection

## Grade 5

## Operations & Algebraic Thinking

### Write and interpret numerical expressions.

CCSS.Math.Content.5.OA.A.1 Use parentheses, brackets, or braces in numerical expressions, and evaluate expressions with these symbols.

CCSS.Math.Content.5.OA.A.2 Write simple expressions that record calculations with numbers, and interpret numerical expressions without evaluating them. *For example, express the calculation “add 8 and 7, then multiply by 2” as  $2 \times (8 + 7)$ . Recognize that  $3 \times (18932 + 921)$  is three times as large as  $18932 + 921$ , without having to calculate the indicated sum or product.*

# Common Core Connection

## Grade 6

### Expressions & Equations

Apply and extend previous understandings of arithmetic to algebraic expressions.

CCSS.Math.Content.6.EE.A.3 Apply the properties of operations to generate equivalent expressions. *For example, apply the distributive property to the expression  $3(2 + x)$  to produce the equivalent expression  $6 + 3x$ ; apply the distributive property to the expression  $24x + 18y$  to produce the equivalent expression  $6(4x + 3y)$ ; apply properties of operations to  $y + y + y$  to produce the equivalent expression  $3y$ .*



# Distributive Property of Multiplication over Addition

# $15 \times 12$

Monica



Malcolm



Alberto





## Monica: $15 \times 12$

*"I did 15 times 10 and it was 150.  
And then I did 15 times 2 which is 30.  
And it was . . . um . . . 180."*

## Monica: $15 \times 12$

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$$12 = 10 + 2$$

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# Malcolm: $15 \times 12$

*"I broke apart the 15 and did 10 plus 5.*

*And then I did 10 times 12 which equals 120.*

*And then I did 12 times 5 which equals 60*

*And then I added it all together and I got 180."*

# Malcolm: $15 \times 12$

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*And then I added it all together and I got 180."*

$$15 = 10 + 5$$

$$10 \times 12 = 120$$

$$12 \times 5 = 60$$

$$120 + 60 = 180$$



## Alberto: $15 \times 12$

*"I did 12 times 12 is 144*

*And then I did 3 times 12 and I got 36*

*And then I did 144 plus 36."*

## Alberto: $15 \times 12$

*"I did 12 times 12 is 144*

*And then I did 3 times 12 and I got 36*

*And then I did 144 plus 36."*

$$15 = 12 + 3$$

$$12 \times 12 = 144$$

$$3 \times 12 = 36$$

$$144 + 36 = 180$$



# 15 x 12

Monica



$$(15 \times 10) + (15 \times 2) = 180$$

Malcolm



$$(10 \times 12) + (12 \times 5) = 180$$

Alberto



$$(12 \times 12) + (3 \times 12) = 180$$

# Standards for Mathematical Practice

1. Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
2. Reason abstractly and quantitatively.
3. Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others.
4. Model with mathematics.
5. Use appropriate tools strategically.
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# 15 x 12

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Cecilia



## Cecilia: $15 \times 12$

*“First I’m breaking it into steps and I’m doing 5 times 2. I leave the zero here and I bring the 1 up here.*

*Then 2 times 1 is 2, plus 1 is 3, so that’s 30.*

*Put a zero. Five times 1 is 5, and then  $1 \times 1$  is 1.*

*So then the answer is 180.”*

## Cecilia: $15 \times 12$

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# Common Core Connection

## Grade 5

### Number and Operations in Base Ten

Perform operations with multi-digit whole numbers and with decimals to hundredths.

CCSS.Math.Content.5.NBT.B.5 Fluently multiply multi-digit whole numbers using the standard algorithm.

## Common Core Recommendation:

... a “balanced combination of procedures and understanding.”

## Common Core Caution:

... “students who lack understanding of a topic may rely on procedures too heavily.”



### 1 Question 11

Rectangular Snip



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### 2 Answer

- ☐ Correct (30)
- ☐ Incorrect
- ☐ Self-corrected (30)
- ☐ Did Not Answer

### 3 Explanation How did you figure out the answer?

- ☐ Used standard algorithm to multiply
- ☐ Multiplied  $20 \times 1$  and then  $20 \times 0.5$
- ☐ Multiplied  $1.5 \times 2$  and then  $3 \times 10$
- ☐ Multiplied  $1.5 \times 10$  and then  $15 \times 2$
- ☐ Multiplied  $15 \times 2$  and then adjusted the decimal point
- ☐ Gave other reasonable explanation
- ☐ Guessed, did not explain, or gave faulty explanation

### Notes

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# Common Core Connection

## Grade 5

### Number and Operations in Base Ten

Perform operations with multi-digit whole numbers and with decimals to hundredths.

CCSS.Math.Content.5.NBT.B.7 Add, subtract, multiply, and divide decimals to hundredths, using concrete models or drawings and strategies based on place value, properties of operations, and/or the relationship between addition and subtraction; relate the strategy to a written method and explain the reasoning used.



# Molly Problem

Molly ran 1.5 miles each day for 20 days. How many miles did she run altogether?

$$20 \times 1.5 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

# Distributive Property of Multiplication over Addition

# Sergio: Molly problem, 20 x 1.5

- Video clip from MRI



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# Dina: Molly Problem, 20 x 1.5

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$$10 \times 1.5 = 15$$

$$15 \times 2 = 30$$

# Molly Problem, 20 x 1.5

**Sergio**

**Dina**



# Molly Problem, $20 \times 1.5$

**Sergio**

$$20 \times 1 = 20$$

$$20 \times .5 = 10$$

$$20 + 10 = 30$$

$$1.5 = 1 + .5$$

$$20 \times 1.5 = (20 \times 1) + (20 \times .5)$$

**Dina**

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**Dina**

$$10 \times 1.5 = 15$$

$$15 \times 2 = 30$$

$$20 = 2 \times 10$$

$$20 \times 1.5 = 2 \times (10 \times 1.5)$$

# Molly Problem, $20 \times 1.5$

**Sergio**

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**Distributive Property of  
Multiplication over Addition**

**Dina**

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???



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**Associative Property**

# Using MRI for Professional Learning

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$$15 \times 12$$

What were the two most common  
wrong answers?

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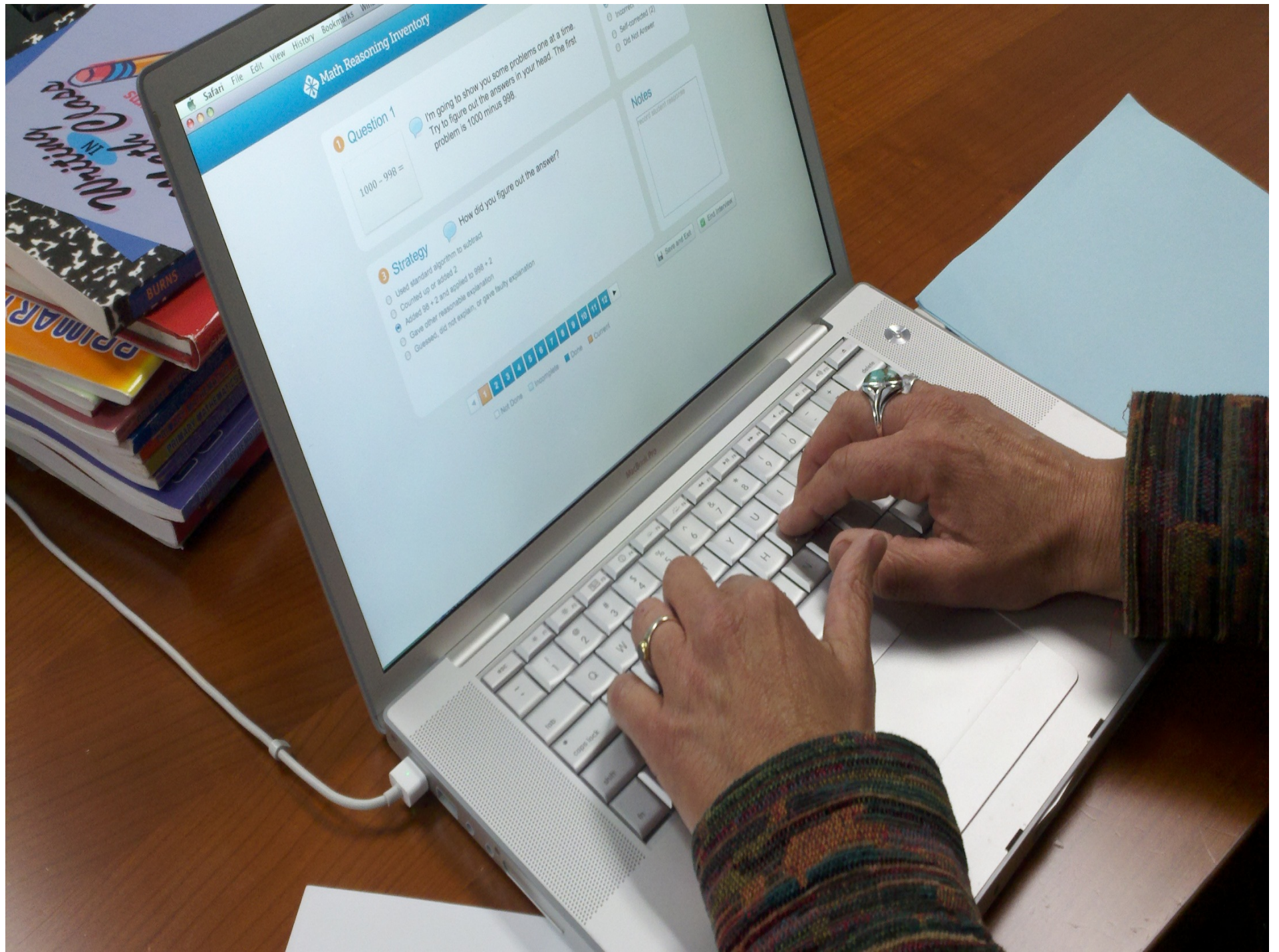
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110 and 30

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$$12.6 \times 10$$

# $12.6 \times 10$

What were the two most common wrong answers?

# 12.6 x 10



Jennifer



Craig



Luisa



Natasha



# $12.6 \times 10$

What were the two most common wrong answers?

120.6 and 12.60  
(39% of all wrong answers)

$$12.6 \times 10$$

**“The answer is 120 and 30 fifths.”**

Grade 5 student

March 21, 2013

Malcolm X Elementary School

Berkeley, CA

# $12.6 \times 10$

**“The answer is 120 and 30 fifths.”**

*$12 \times 10 = 120$*

*I changed .6 to  $\frac{3}{5}$*

*$10 \times \frac{3}{5} = \frac{30}{5}$*

*So the answer is 120 and  $\frac{30}{5}$ .*



# Most common wrong answers

- $100 - 18$
- $99 + 17$
- $3 - 1.9$

# Most common wrong answers

- $100 - 18$  [92, 81]
- $99 + 17$  [106, 117]
- $3 - 1.9$  [1.6 and 2.9]

# Andres: 3 – 1.9

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# Andres: $3 - 1.9$



*"I figured it out because I put the 3 under the 9 and then I subtracted and that would give me 1 and 6 tenths."*

$$\begin{array}{r} 1.9 \\ - \quad 3 \\ \hline 1.6 \end{array}$$

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# Common Core Connection

## Grade 3

### Number and Operations—Fractions

Develop understanding of fractions as numbers.

CCSS.Math.Content.3.NF.A.3 Explain equivalence of fractions in special cases, and compare fractions by reasoning about their size



# Common Core Connection

## Grade 4

### Number and Operations—Fractions

Extend understanding of fraction equivalence and ordering.

CCSS.Math.Content.4.NF.A.2 Compare two fractions with different numerators and different denominators, e.g., by creating common denominators or numerators, or by comparing to a benchmark fraction such as  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Recognize that comparisons are valid only when the two fractions refer to the same whole. Record the results of comparisons with symbols  $>$ ,  $=$ , or  $<$ , and justify the conclusions, e.g., by using a visual fraction model.

**Which is greater,  
 $\frac{3}{8}$  or  $\frac{9}{16}$ ?**

**Lesson from *Teaching Arithmetic:*  
*Introducing Fractions***

# Comparing Fractions

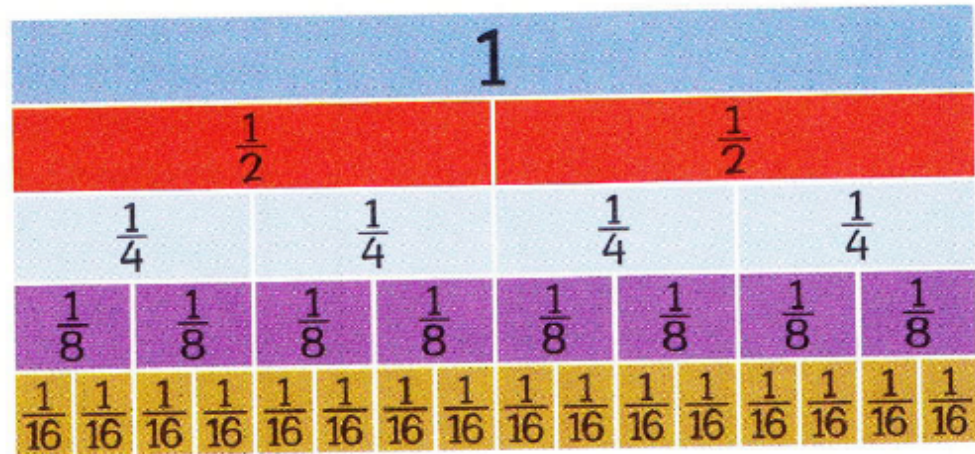
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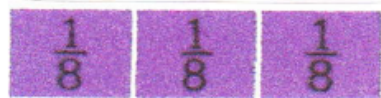
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$$\frac{9}{16}$$

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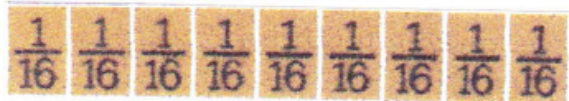
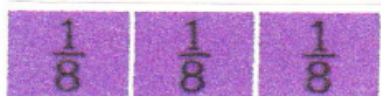
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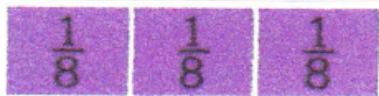
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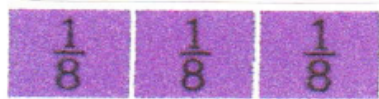
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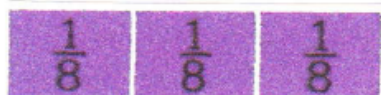


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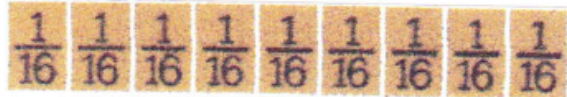
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Sam

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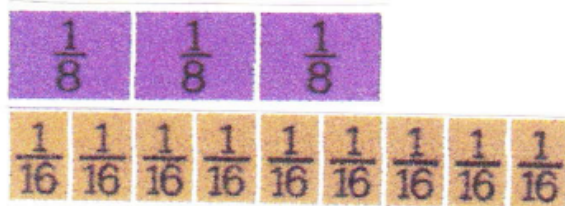
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4 more 16<sup>ths</sup> make  $\frac{3}{8}$

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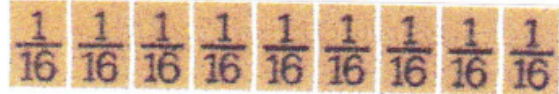
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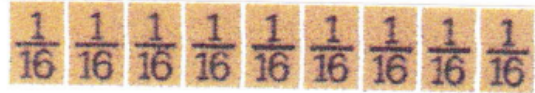
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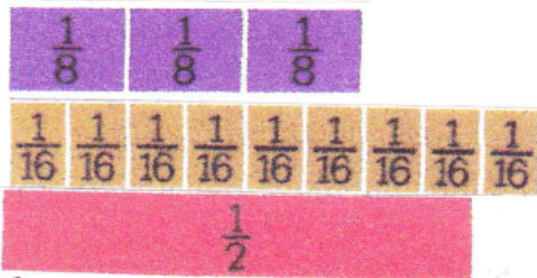
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# Comparing Fractions

$$\frac{3}{8} < \frac{9}{16}$$



Sam

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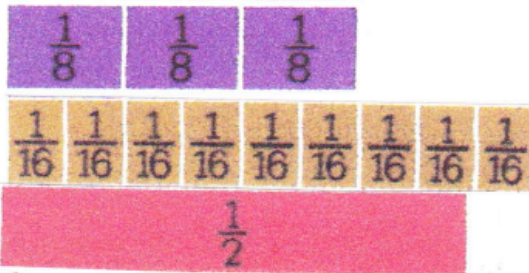
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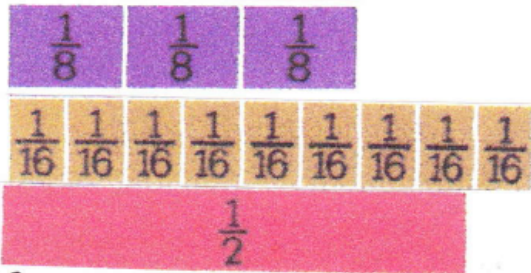
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Jennifer

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Jennifer

$\frac{3}{8} < \frac{9}{16}$  because

$\frac{9}{16} > \frac{1}{2}$  and

$\frac{3}{8} < \frac{1}{2}$ .

### Comparing Pairs

Write ">", "<", or "=" in between each pair to make a true statement.

1.  $\frac{1}{2} > \frac{3}{8}$  Because  $\frac{4}{8}$  is  $\frac{1}{2}$  but since you only have  $\frac{3}{8}$   $\frac{1}{2}$  is more

2.  $\frac{3}{4} > \frac{5}{8}$

3.  $\frac{3}{16} < \frac{1}{2}$

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

5.  $\frac{7}{8} > \frac{12}{16}$

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

7.  $\frac{5}{16} > \frac{1}{4}$  because  $\frac{4}{16}$  is  $\frac{1}{4}$  so you have  $\frac{1}{16}$  left so  $\frac{5}{16}$  is more than  $\frac{1}{4}$

8.  $\frac{8}{16} = \frac{2}{4}$

9.  $\frac{1}{4} > \frac{1}{8}$  you need  $\frac{2}{8}$  to make  $\frac{1}{4}$  but you only have  $\frac{1}{8}$  then  $\frac{1}{4}$  is more than  $\frac{1}{8}$

10.  $\frac{3}{4} > \frac{11}{16}$

11.  $\frac{4}{16} = \frac{2}{8}$

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3.  $\frac{3}{16} < \frac{1}{2}$

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

5.  $\frac{7}{8} > \frac{12}{16}$

6.  $\frac{1}{2} = \frac{2}{4}$  because  $\frac{1}{2}$  is = with  $\frac{2}{4}$   
because 2 is half of 4.

7.  $\frac{5}{16} > \frac{1}{4}$

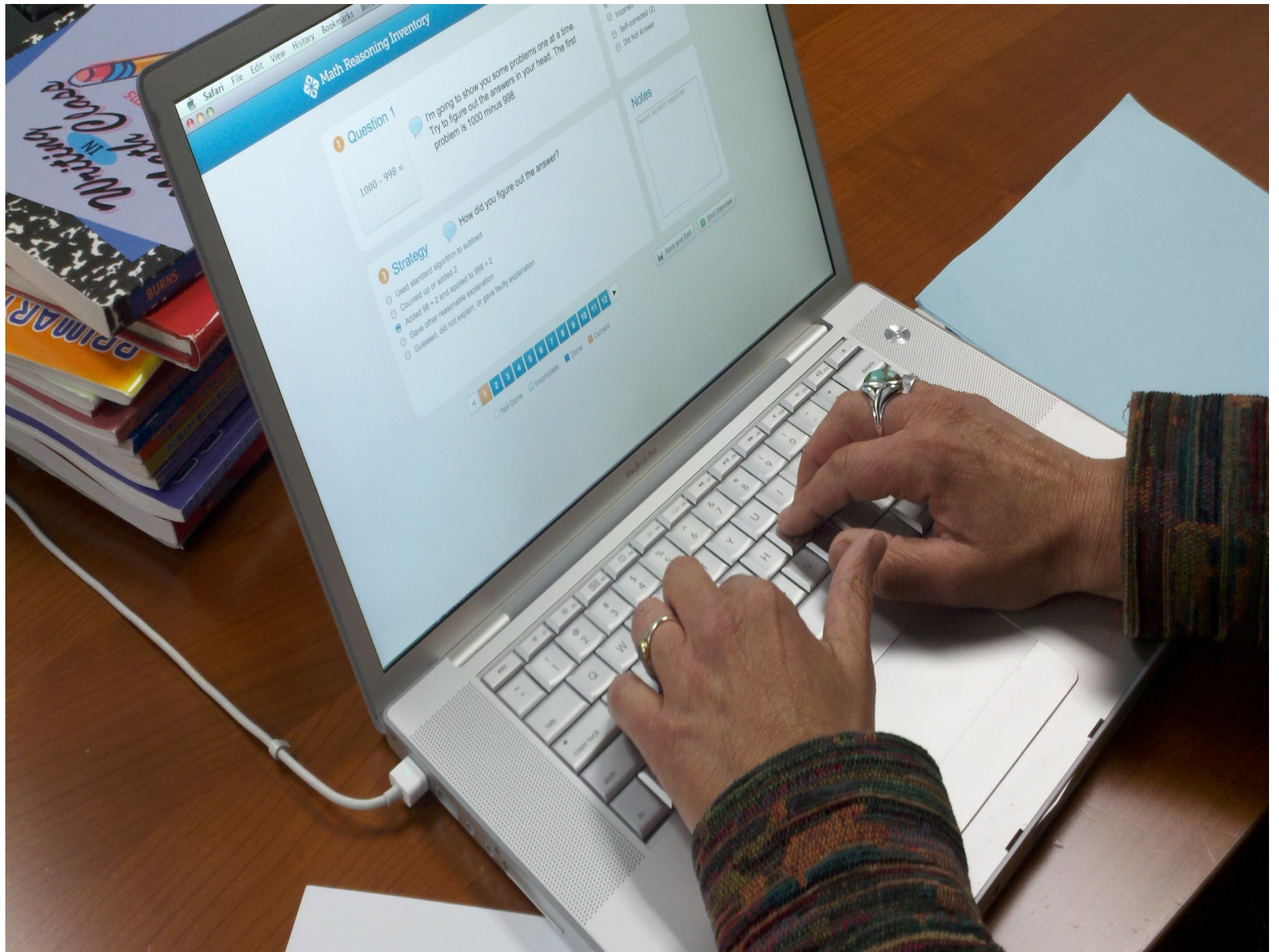
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10.  $\frac{3}{4} > \frac{11}{16}$

11.  $\frac{8}{16} < \frac{3}{4}$

12.  $\frac{1}{4} = \frac{2}{8}$  see number 9.



**1 Question 1**

$$\frac{3}{8} \quad \frac{5}{6}$$

Which is greater,  $\frac{3}{8}$  or  $\frac{5}{6}$ ?**2 Answer**

- ☐ Correct ( $\frac{5}{6}$ )
- ☐ Incorrect
- ☐ Self-corrected ( $\frac{5}{6}$ )
- ☐ Did Not Answer

**3 Explanation**

How did you decide?

- ☐ Converted to common denominators
- ☐ Compared to  $\frac{1}{2}$  or 50%, or 1 or 100% (e.g.,  $\frac{5}{6}$  is more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{3}{8}$  is less than  $\frac{1}{2}$ )
- ☐ Explained that eighths are smaller than sixths and there are fewer eighths
- ☐ Converted to decimals or percents
- ☐ Gave other reasonable explanation
- ☐ Guessed, did not explain, or gave faulty explanation

**Notes**

record student response



☐ Not Done ☐ Incomplete ☒ Done ☐ Current

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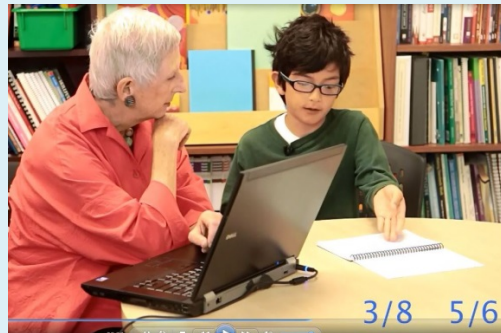
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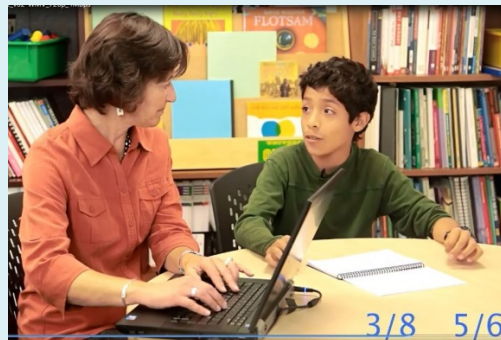


# Which is greater, $\frac{3}{8}$ or $\frac{5}{6}$ ?

Amir



Ernesto



Alberto



# Amir: Which is greater, $\frac{3}{8}$ or $\frac{5}{6}$ ?

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## Amir: Which is greater, $\frac{3}{8}$ or $\frac{5}{6}$ ?

*"I know that ... um ... well,  $\frac{1}{8}$  is  $12\frac{1}{2}$  percent and  $\frac{1}{6}$  is around 15 and  $\frac{4}{6}$  percent, it's around there. So  $\frac{3}{8}$  is around  $37\frac{1}{2}$  percent. And I know that  $\frac{4}{6}$  is  $66\frac{2}{3}$  percent. So  $\frac{5}{6}$  must be greater than  $\frac{3}{8}$ ."*

# Ernesto: Which is greater, $\frac{3}{8}$ or $\frac{5}{6}$ ?

- Video from MRI



# Ernesto: Which is greater, $\frac{3}{8}$ or $\frac{5}{6}$ ?

*“Because  $\frac{5}{6}$  is almost a whole, if you add one more piece. And  $\frac{3}{8}$  needs a lot of pieces to get 1 whole.”*

# Alberto: Which is greater, $\frac{3}{8}$ or $\frac{5}{6}$ ?

- Video from MRI

# Alberto: Which is greater, $\frac{3}{8}$ or $\frac{5}{6}$ ?

*“Cause you just need 1 more to get to 6, and in this one you need 5 more.”*

**[Repeat after prompting]** *“You need 1 more sixth to get to 6, and 5 more eighths to get to 8 eighths.”*

# What Does the Data Tell?

- MRI K–5



# Common Core Connection

## Kindergarten

### Number and Operations in Base Ten

Work with numbers 11–19 to gain foundations for place value.

CCSS.Math.Content.K.NBT.A.1 Compose and decompose numbers from 11 to 19 into ten ones and some further ones, e.g., by using objects or drawings, and record each composition or decomposition by a drawing or equation (such as  $18 = 10 + 8$ ); understand that these numbers are composed of ten ones and one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, or nine ones.

# Common Core Connection

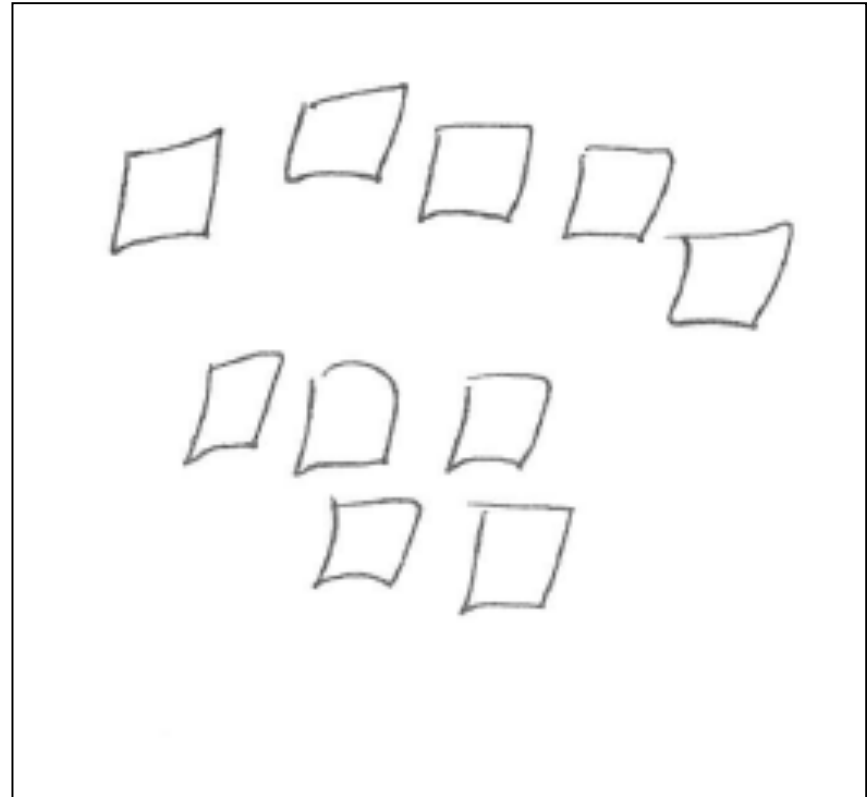
## Grade 1

### Number and Operations in Base Ten

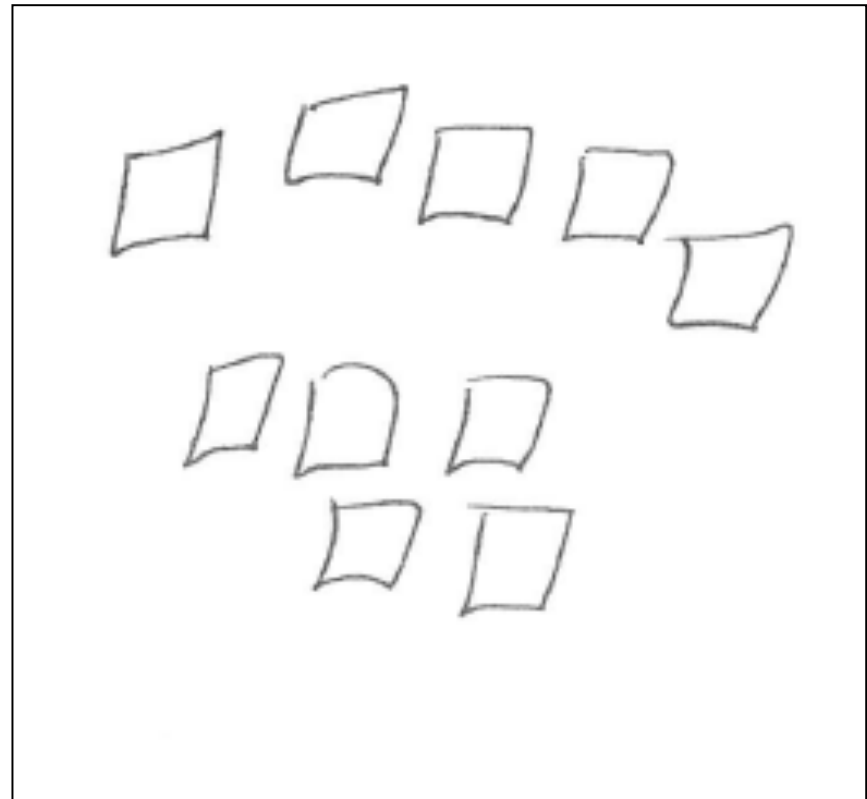
Understand place value.

CCSS.Math.Content.1.NBT.B.2 Understand that the two digits of a two-digit number represent amounts of tens and ones.

# Place Value

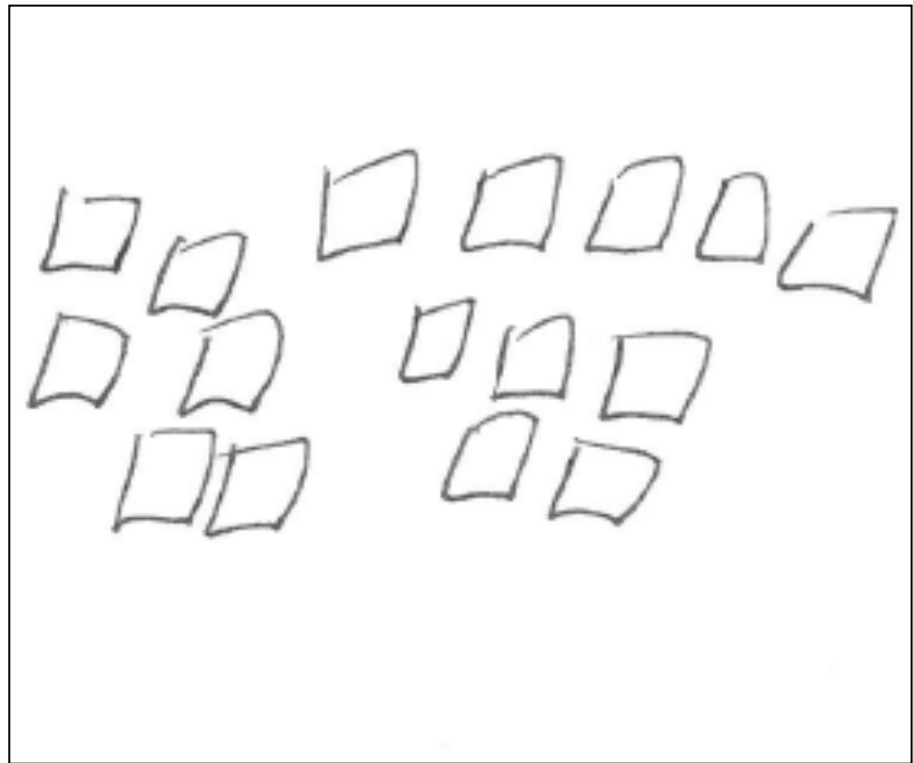


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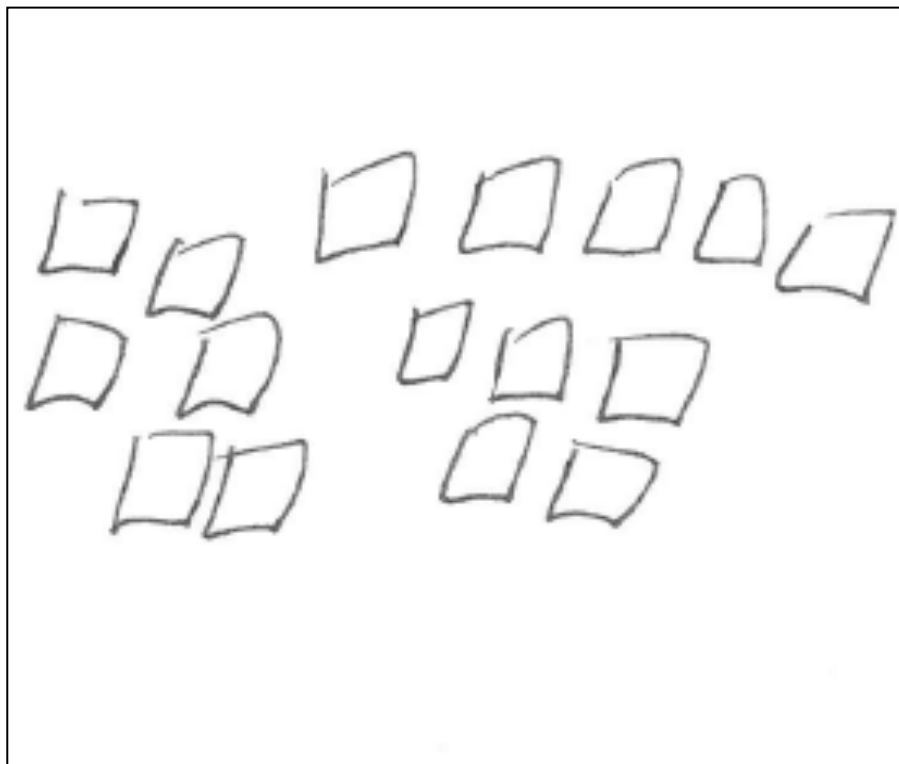


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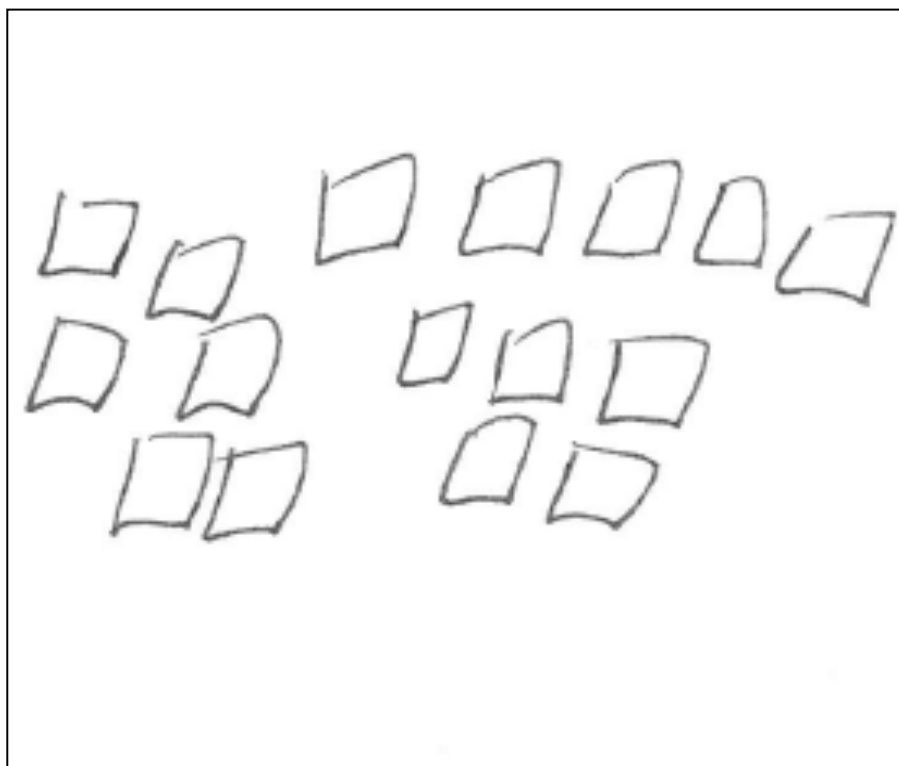
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- How many cubes are there altogether?



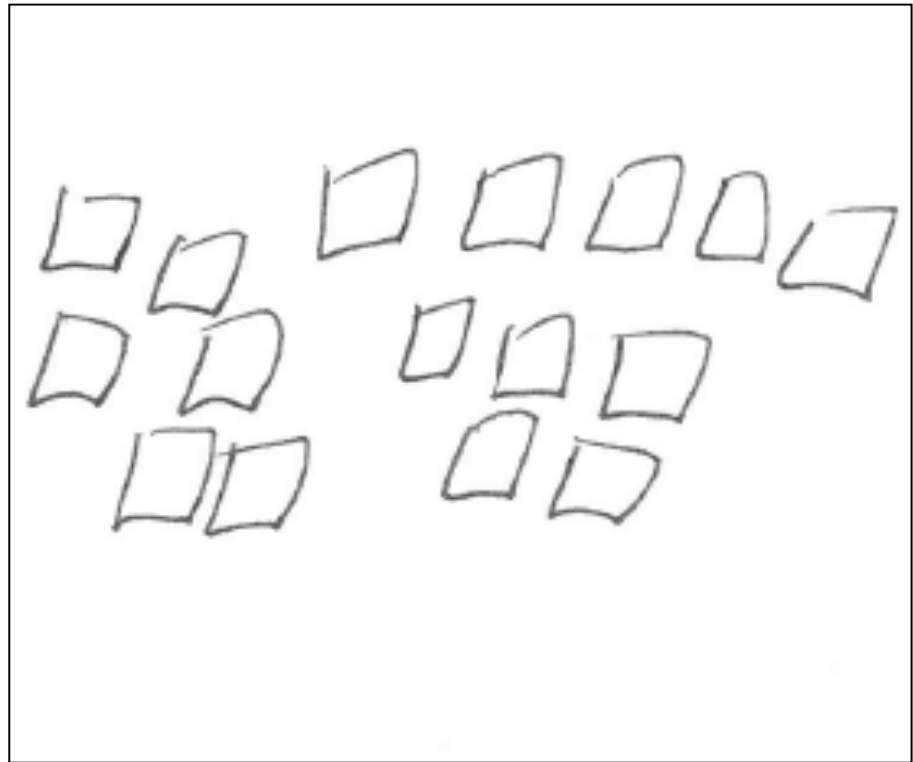
# Place Value

- How many cubes are there altogether?
- If I take 6 cubes away, how many cubes will be left on the paper?



# Place Value

- How many cubes are there altogether?
- If I take 6 cubes away, how many cubes will be left on the paper?
- If I take 10 cubes away, how many cubes will be left on the paper?



# Individual Report: Whole Numbers

MR, E

## Legend

- + Appropriate for the numbers at hand
- Not Appropriate for the numbers at hand

## Interview

Date Completed: 17-Nov-2011

Category	Strategies or Understandings Demonstrated	Appropriate Strategies or Understandings Not Demonstrated
Adding and Subtracting Mentally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ Breaks numbers apart to add or subtract <math>100 - 18</math></li><li>+ Gives other reasonable explanation <math>1000 - 998</math></li><li>- Uses standard algorithm to add or subtract <math>99 + 17</math></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Uses addition to solve subtraction problems</li><li>• Uses benchmark numbers to add or subtract</li></ul>
Multiplying and Dividing Mentally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ Uses known facts and place value to multiply or divide <math>7000 \div 70</math></li><li>+ Breaks numbers apart to multiply or divide <math>15 \times 12</math></li><li>+ Gives other reasonable explanation <math>60 \times 40</math></li><li>- Guesses, does not explain, or gives faulty explanation Estimate <math>18 \times 21</math></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Uses benchmark numbers to make estimates</li></ul>
Applying Understanding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ Uses distributive property <math>15 \times 12</math> <math>20 \times 15 = 300, 21 \times 15 = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}</math></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Models with mathematics to solve problems in context</li><li>• Uses inverse relationship of addition and subtraction</li></ul>

## Written Computation

Date Completed: 17-Nov-2011

Category	Demonstrated	Not Demonstrated
Computing Accurately with Paper and Pencil	$5000 - 328$ $842 \times 35$ $3423 \div 6$ $275 \div 22$	





## Group Report: Whole Numbers

### All Students

Start Date: 24-Feb-2013














End Date: 24-Mar-2013

### Legend

-  Appropriate for the numbers at hand
-  Not appropriate for the numbers at hand

### Interview

Students: 25

Category	Consistently Demonstrated (75–100% of Students)	Often Demonstrated (50–74% of Students)	Sometimes Demonstrated (25–49% of Students)	Rarely Demonstrated (0–24% of Students)
<b>Adding and Subtracting Mentally</b>		 Breaks numbers apart to add or subtract (72%)	 Uses benchmark numbers to add or subtract (36%)  Uses addition to solve subtraction problems (44%)  Uses standard algorithm to add or subtract (32%)	 Counts by 1s (8%)
<b>Multiplying and Dividing Mentally</b>	 Uses known facts and place value to multiply or divide (80%)		 Breaks numbers apart to multiply or divide (36%)  Uses benchmark numbers to make estimates (44%)	 Uses standard algorithm to multiply or divide (12%)  Figures exact answer when asked to estimate (4%)
<b>Applying Understanding</b>	 Uses inverse relationship of addition and subtraction (88%)	 Uses distributive property (68%)	 Models with mathematics to solve problems in context (36%)	

### Written Computation

Students: 25

Category	75–100% of Students	50–74% of Students	25–49% of Students	0–24% of Students
<b>Computing Accurately with Paper and Pencil</b>	$5000 - 328$ (80%) $842 \times 35$ (84%)	$3423 \div 6$ (60%) $275 + 22$ (52%)		

## Item Analysis: Whole Numbers

### Period 1

Start Date: 30-Sep-2011

End Date: 28-Oct-2011

### Legend

- + Appropriate for the numbers at hand
- Not Appropriate for the numbers at hand

### Interview

Students: 7

	Question	Correct / Self-corrected	Incorrect	Did Not Answer	Strategies Used by Students Who Gave Correct Answers
1	1000 – 998	100%	0%	0%	<span style="color: green;">+</span> Uses addition to solve subtraction problems (6/7) <span style="color: red;">-</span> Guesses, does not explain, or gives faulty explanation (1/7)
2	99 + 17	43%	57%	0%	<span style="color: green;">+</span> Breaks numbers apart to add or subtract (1/3) <span style="color: red;">-</span> Uses standard algorithm to add or subtract (2/3)
3	100 – 18	57%	29%	14%	<span style="color: green;">+</span> Breaks numbers apart to add or subtract (2/4) <span style="color: red;">-</span> Uses standard algorithm to add or subtract (1/4) <span style="color: red;">-</span> Counts by 1s (1/4)
4	15 + ____ = 200	71%	14%	14%	<span style="color: green;">+</span> Breaks numbers into parts to add or subtract (4/5) <span style="color: red;">-</span> Uses standard algorithm to add or subtract (1/5)
5	20 × 15 = 300, 21 × 15 = ____	0%	43%	57%	No correct answers given
6	60 × 40	43%	57%	0%	<span style="color: green;">+</span> Uses known facts and place value to multiply or divide (3/3)
7	15 × 12	29%	43%	29%	<span style="color: red;">-</span> Uses standard algorithm to multiply or divide (2/2)
8	7000 ÷ 70	57%	14%	29%	<span style="color: green;">+</span> Uses known facts and place value to multiply or divide (4/4)
9	Estimate 18 × 21	57%	43%	0%	<span style="color: green;">+</span> Relates to benchmark number to make estimates (1/4) <span style="color: red;">-</span> Figures exact answer when asked to estimate (1/4) <span style="color: red;">-</span> Guesses, does not explain, or gives faulty explanation (2/4)
10	295 students, 25 on each bus	0%	43%	57%	No correct answers given

### Written Computation

Students: 7

	Question	Correct / Self-corrected	Incorrect	Did Not Answer
1	5000 – 328	100%	0%	0%
2	842 × 35	57%	29%	14%
3	3423 ÷ 6	71%	14%	14%
4	275 ÷ 22	0%	43%	57%

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