

Complete as many of the following problems as you can with your group. You do not have to go in order. Each group will be given a specific problem that they must complete and present to either Professor MG or to Stefanie before they leave.

If **your entire table** finishes early, and you have presented your given problem, you may leave early.

(1) Solve the following word problems:

- (a) When twice a number is decreased by seven, the result is 33. What is the number?
- (b) One number exceeds another number by 1. The sum of the numbers is 57. What are the numbers?

**Solution**

(a) Converting from words to an equation, we have

$$\begin{aligned}2x - 7 = 33 &\Leftrightarrow 2x = 40 \\ &\Leftrightarrow x = \boxed{20}\end{aligned}$$

(b) Converting from words to an equation, we have

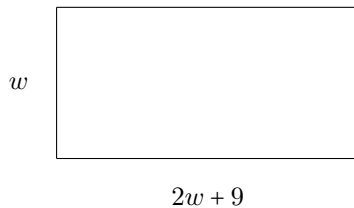
$$\begin{aligned}x + (x + 1) = 57 &\Leftrightarrow 2x + 1 = 57 \\ &\Leftrightarrow 2x = 56 \\ &\Leftrightarrow x = 28\end{aligned}$$

So the two numbers are  $\boxed{28}$  and  $28 + 1 = \boxed{29}$ .

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- (2) The length of a new rectangular playing field is 9 yards longer than double the width. If the perimeter of the rectangular playing field is 360 yards, what are its dimensions?

**Solution** Our picture looks like



The perimeter is equal to all sides added up, so we have

$$\begin{aligned} 360 &= 2w + 9 + 2w + 9 + w + w \Leftrightarrow 360 = 6w + 18 \\ &\Leftrightarrow 6w = 342 \\ &\Leftrightarrow w = 57 \end{aligned}$$

If the width is  $\boxed{57 \text{ yards}}$ , then the length is  $2(57) + 9 = 114 + 9 = \boxed{123 \text{ yards}}$ .

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- (3) City Cabs charges a \$2.75 pickup fee and \$1.50 per mile traveled. Diego's fare is \$17.75. How far did he travel in the cab?

**Solution** Converting to an equation, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 17.75 &= 2.75 + 1.50x \Leftrightarrow 1.5x = 15 \\ &\Leftrightarrow x = \boxed{10 \text{ miles}} \end{aligned}$$

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- (4) The price of a cordless telephone has been reduced by 20%. If the sale price is \$28.80, determine the original price.

**Solution** Converting to an equation, we have

$$\begin{aligned} x - 0.20x &= 28.80 \Leftrightarrow 0.8x = 28.8 \\ &\Leftrightarrow x = \boxed{36 \text{ dollars}} \end{aligned}$$

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- (5) A roof has an 0.5-inch layer of ice on it from a previous storm. Another ice storm begins to deposit new ice at a rate of 0.25 inch per hour
- (a) Find a formula for a function  $f$  that models the thickness of the ice on the roof  $x$  hours after the second ice storm started.
- (b) How thick is the ice after 2.5 hours?

**Solution**

(a) Converting to an equation, we have  $f(x) = 0.5 + 0.25x$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} f(2.5) &= 0.25(2.5) + 0.5 \\ &= 0.625 + 0.5 \\ &= 1.125 \text{ in} \end{aligned}$$

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- (6) A 5000-gallon tank initially contains 2000 gallons of fuel oil. A pump is filling the tank at a rate of 6 gallons per minute.
- (a) Write a formula for a function  $f$  that models the number of gallons of fuel oil in the tank after  $x$  minutes.
- (b) Interpret what the  $y$ -intercept means in this problem.

**Solution**

(a) Converting to an equation, we have  $f(x) = 2000 + 6x$

(b) The  $y$ -intercept occurs when  $x = 0$ , i.e. when no time has passed. So it is equivalent to the initial amount in the tank.

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Key:

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| (1) (a) 20                | (3) 10 miles                 | (b) 1.125 inches           |
| (b) 28 and 29             | (4) \$36                     | (6) (a) $f(x) = 2000 + 6x$ |
| (2) 57 yards by 123 yards | (5) (a) $f(x) = 0.25x + 0.5$ | (b) Initial amount         |