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1. A basketball team has 10 players. In a tournament, there are 4 teams. How many players are there in all?

a. What do you have to find?

Solution:

b. Draw a picture to show the number of players in the tournament.

Solution:

c. Use repeated addition to show the number of players in the tournament.

Solution:

d. Does multiplication make it easy to solve the problem? How?

Solution:

e. How many players are there in the tournament?

Solution:

2. There are 6 glasses on the table. Each glass can hold 8 ounces of liquid. How many ounces of liquid can all the glasses hold?

Solution:

3. Isaac needs to buy 30 raffle tickets. They are packed by 5 tickets. How many packs does he need?

Solution:

4. Bernard has \$40 to spend in a toy store. There is an entrance fee of \$4. Each toy car in the store costs \$6. How many toy cars can Bernard buy?

Solution:

5. If Joseph answers a question correctly, he gets 7 points. If he answers incorrectly, he loses 3 points. How many points will Joseph have if he correctly answered 5 questions and incorrectly answered 4 questions?

Solution:

6. Which is another way to write $6 + 6 + 6 = 18$?

A. $18 \div 6 = 3$ C. $3 \times 6 = 18$

B. $18 - 6 - 6 - 6 = 0$ D. $18 \div 3 = 6$

Solution:

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Answer Key

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a. What do you have to find?

Solution:

I have to find the number of players in the tournament.

b. Draw a picture to show the number of players in the tournament.

Solution:



c. Use repeated addition to show the number of players in the tournament.

Solution:

$$10 + 10 + 10 + 10 = 40$$

d. Does multiplication make it easy to solve the problem? How?

Solution:

Yes, $4 \times 10 = 40$

e. How many players are there in the tournament?

Solution:

There are 40 players in the tournament.

2. There are 6 glasses on the table. Each glass can hold 8 ounces of liquid. How many ounces of liquid can all the glasses hold?

Solution:

$$6 \times 8 = 48; \text{ Answer: 48 ounces}$$

3. Isaac needs to buy 30 raffle tickets. They are packed by 5 tickets. How many packs does he need?

Solution:

$$30 \div 5 = 6; \text{ Answer: 6 packs}$$

4. Bernard has \$40 to spend in a toy store. There is an entrance fee of \$4. Each toy car in the store costs \$6. How many toy cars can Bernard buy?

Solution:

$$\$40 - \$4 = \$36; \$36 \div \$6 = 6$$

Answer: 6 toy cars

5. If Joseph answers a question correctly, he gets 7 points. If he answers incorrectly, he loses 3 points. How many points will Joseph have if he correctly answered 5 questions and incorrectly answered 4 questions?

Solution:

$$5 \times 7 = 35; 4 \times 3 = 12$$

$$35 - 12 = 23$$

Answer: 23 points

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Solution:

$$\text{C. } 3 \times 6 = 18$$