

6.4 Word Problems

Warm Up

$$\begin{aligned} 4(2x - 2y &= 6) &= 8x - 8y = 24 \\ -2(4x - 3y &= 14) &= -8x + 6y = -28 \\ \hline & & -2y = -4 \\ & & \frac{-2y}{-2} = \frac{-4}{-2} \\ & & y = 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2x - 2(2) &= 6 \\ 2x - 4 &= 6 \\ +4 &+4 \\ \hline 2x &= 10 \\ \frac{2x}{2} &= \frac{10}{2} \\ x &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

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We will use system of equations when you are comparing two things. For example, number of tickets sold and amount of money.

Ex.1

Movie tickets at a local theater cost \$6 for adults and \$2 for children under 12. If 175 tickets were sold with cash receipts of \$750, how many of each kind of ticket were sold?

$$\begin{aligned} -6(a + c &= 175) &= -6a - 6c = -1050 \\ 6a + 2c &= 750 &= +6a + 2c = 750 \\ \hline & & -4c = -300 \\ & & \frac{-4c}{-4} = \frac{-300}{-4} \\ & & c = 75 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a + 75 &= 175 \\ a &= 100 \end{aligned}$$

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Ex.2

Adult tickets to a play cost \$22. Tickets for children cost \$15. Tickets for a group of 11 people cost \$228. How many adults and children were in the group.

$$\begin{aligned} -22(a + c &= 11) &= -22a - 22c = -242 \\ 22a + 15c &= 228 &= +22a + 15c = 228 \\ \hline & & -7c = -14 \\ & & \frac{-7c}{-7} = \frac{-14}{-7} \\ & & c = 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a + 2 &= 11 \\ a &= 9 \end{aligned}$$

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Ex.3

A large snack pack is \$5 and a small snack pack is \$3. In one day, the snack bar sold 60 snack packs for a total of \$220. How many large and small snack packs did the snack bar sell?

$$\begin{aligned} -5(L + S &= 60) &= -5L - 5S = -300 \\ 5L + 3S &= 220 &= +5L + 3S = 220 \\ \hline & & -2S = -80 \\ & & \frac{-2S}{-2} = \frac{-80}{-2} \\ & & S = 40 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} L + 40 &= 60 \\ L &= 20 \end{aligned}$$

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Ex.4

The senior classes at Cane Bay and Stratford planned separate trips to New York City. Cane Bay filled 1 van and 6 buses with 372 students. Stratford High School filled 4 vans and 12 buses with 780 students. How many students can a bus and van carry?

$$\begin{aligned} 4(v + 6b &= 372) &= 4v + 24b = 1488 \\ 4v + 12b &= 780 &= -4v + 12b = -780 \\ \hline & & 12b = -708 \\ & & \frac{12b}{12} = \frac{-708}{12} \\ & & b = 59 \text{ students} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} v + 6(59) &= 372 \\ v + 354 &= 372 \\ v &= 18 \text{ students} \end{aligned}$$

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Ex.5

The difference of two numbers is 3. Their sum is 13. Find the numbers.

$$\begin{aligned} x - y &= 3 \\ + x + y &= 13 \\ \hline 2x &= 16 \\ \frac{2x}{2} &= \frac{16}{2} \\ x &= 8 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x + y &= 13 \\ -8 &-8 \\ \hline y &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

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Classwork: worksheet #1 - 5**Final Five**

Brenda's school is selling tickets to a spring musical. On the first day of ticket sales the school sold 3 adult tickets and 9 child tickets for \$75. The school took in \$67 on the second day by selling 8 adult tickets and 5 child tickets. What is the price of each adult and child ticket?

$$\begin{cases} 3a + 9c = 75 \\ 8a + 5c = 67 \end{cases}$$

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