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### 141–150

Listen to the word problem.

There are four goats on the hillside. Three goats leave the hillside.

Putting an X on a goat means it has left the hillside.

Move Xs to the goats to show how many have left the hillside.

### 151–160

Look at the problem.

What is the answer?

You can use the keys to help you find the answer.

### 161–170

What is the answer?

### 171–180

Listen to the word problem.

Lauren lost 1 baseball cap. Now she has only 2 baseball caps. How many baseball caps did Lauren have before she lost one?

Move numbers to the boxes to show the problem.

### 181–190

Listen to the story.

Julia bought a robot toy for 79 cents. She paid for it with one dollar.

Show the change that Julia should receive.

### above 190

Look at the problem.

What is the answer?
Number Sense
Students understand counting, cardinality, and ordinal numbers. They know whole number and fraction concepts, including place value and comparisons.

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141–150
Look at the picture.

Choose 9 cows.

151–160
Look at the numbers.

Which number is 1 more than 13?

161–170
Look at the picture.

What number do the blocks show?

171–180
Look at the number.

What is 100 more than 347?

181–190
Look at the numbers.

Put the correct symbol in each of the problems to make them true.

above 190
Listen to the words that describe a number: 6 hundreds and 5 ones.

Write the number that is described.
Measurement and Geometry

Students understand measurement and money. They problem solve using units. They recognize shapes and attributes, as well as use spatial reasoning.

Look at the picture.

Which student is the shortest?

Look at the picture.

Which bird is over the cloud?

Look at the calendar.

Choose the day on the calendar that shows October 14.

Look at the objects.

Choose ALL the objects that have six faces.

Look at the clock.

What time is shown on the clock?

Look at the rectangular prism.

What is the perimeter of the rectangular prism?
Statistics and Probability
Students collect, organize, display, and analyze data. They understand probability and apply it to make predictions.

Look at the pictures.
Choose the picture that is different from the others.

Look at the sticker chart.
Which student has the most star stickers?

Gold Star Stickers
Sarah ★★★★★
Pablo ★★★★★
Jamal ★★★★★
Cher ★★★★★
Maria ★★★★★

Look at the graph.
How many students chose hot dog as their favorite dinner?

Look at the circle graph that shows the students' favorite colors.
Which color did the most students choose?

Look at the picture.
Saba closes her eyes and pulls one gum ball out of the bag.
Which gum ball is Saba least likely to pull from the bag?

Look at the graph that is not complete.
Lara has 3 cats, Joe has 5 fish, and Mia has 2 dogs. Move squares to complete the graph.

Look at the graph.
Students were asked if they had hot lunch or cold lunch. How many students were asked in all?

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Algebra

Students recognize and analyze patterns. They understand algebraic concepts and relationships.

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**below 131**

Look at the pattern.

Which animal comes next in the pattern?

Look at the pattern.

Move the beans to the boxes to continue the pattern.

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**131–140**

Look at the number sentence that is missing a symbol.

Which symbol belongs between the 5 and the 7 to make the sentence true?

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**141–150**

Look at the two groups.

Move cubes to the circles to make the groups equal.

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**151–160**

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Which symbol belongs between the 5 and the 7 to make the sentence true?

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**161–170**

Look at the problem.

Move the correct number to the blank to make the sentence true.

You can use the buttons to help you find the answer to the problem.

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Listen to the word problem.

The Lions had 47 points at halftime. At the end of the game they had 89 points.

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Which problem is true?

- $423 \times 0 = 0$
- $423 \times 0 = 1$
- $423 \times 0 = 423$
- $423 \times 0 = 4230$
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Students understand and apply concepts of numbers including representing, identifying, counting, comparing, ordering, equivalence, and number theory.

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Use the picture to answer the question.

How many apples are there?

A. 4
✓B. 5
C. 6
D. 7

**161–170**

Which picture shows \( \frac{1}{2} \) of a pizza?

A. 
B. 
✓C. 
D. 
C. 

**171–180**

Which expression is true?

A. \( 6 + 8 = 68 \)
B. \( 6 + 80 = 68 \)
✓C. \( 60 + 8 = 68 \)
D. \( 60 + 80 = 68 \)

**181–190**

What is 68 rounded to the nearest tens place?

A. 60
B. 65
✓C. 70
D. 100

**191–200**

Move numbers to the lines to order them from least to greatest.

| 92,601 | 9,849 | 276,953 | 28,637 |

**201–210**

Which number goes in the box?

\[
\begin{array}{c}
8 \\
18 \\
\frac{8}{18} = \\
\frac{4}{9}
\end{array}
\]

A. 2
✓B. 4
C. 9
D. 10

**211–220**

Which set contains all the factors of 20?

A. \( \{2, 4, 5, 10\} \)
B. \( \{5, 10, 15, 20\} \)
C. \( \{1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 15\} \)
✓D. \( \{1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20\} \)

**221–230**

What is the greatest common factor of 54 and 72?

A. 6
B. 9
✓C. 18
D. 27

**231–240**

There are 20 students in a music class. Twelve of the students are boys. What is the ratio of girls to boys in the music class?

A. 2:5
B. 3:5
✓C. 2:3
D. 3:2

**241–250**

Move the numbers to the boxes to order them from least to greatest value.

| 12 \( \frac{1}{3} \) | 18.5 | \( \sqrt{51} \) | 51.2 | \( \sqrt{275} \) |

**above 250**

The length of a certain moon’s orbit is approximately \( 1.5 \times 10^{11} \) meters. The diameter of a certain star is approximately \( 1.5 \times 10^9 \) meters.

How many times greater is the distance of the moon’s orbit compared to the diameter of the star? Enter the answer in the box.

... times greater...
Computation and Problem Solving

Students understand and apply the process of computation to accurately compute and solve real-world and mathematical problems involving whole numbers, fractions, decimals, integers, and rational and real numbers.

Solve:

\[ 6 + 2 = \]

A. 4
B. 7
√C. 8
D. 9

Some boxes of candy are shown.

Which number sentence shows how to find the total candies in the boxes?

A. \[ 4 + 3 = \]
B. \[ 3 + 4 = \]
√C. \[ 4 + 4 + 4 = \]
D. \[ 3 + 3 + 3 = \]

Find the difference.

\[ 99 - 56 \]

A. 33
B. 34
√C. 43
D. 44

The people will take cars. Each car can hold up to 5 people. How many cars will they need?

A. 4
B. 7
√C. 6
D. 8

Some boxes of candy are shown.

Which number sentence shows how to find the total candies in the boxes?

A. \[ 4 + 3 = \]
B. \[ 3 + 4 = \]
√C. \[ 4 + 4 + 4 = \]
D. \[ 3 + 3 + 3 = \]

Jorge wants to buy enough hot dog buns for 50 hot dogs. The buns come in packages of 8. He uses this number sentence to find the number of packages he will need.

\[ 50 \div 8 = 6 \text{ r} 2 \]

What is the LEAST number of packages needed?

A. 6
B. 7
√C. 8
D. 9

Simplify:

\[ \frac{5}{7} - \frac{3}{7} = \]

√A. \[ \frac{2}{7} \]
B. \[ \frac{8}{7} \]
C. \[ 2 \]
D. \[ 7 \]

Which is equivalent to \[ 2 + 3 \sqrt{-12} \]?

A. \[ 8 \] i \[ \sqrt{3} \]
B. \[ -i \] \[ \sqrt{12} \]
C. \[ -4 \] i \[ \sqrt{12} \]
√D. \[ 2 + 6 \] i \[ \sqrt{3} \]
E. \[ 2 - 3 \] i \[ \sqrt{12} \]

Use the picture to answer the question.

Sonja and Kai share the toys equally. How many toys will they each have?

A. 1
B. 2
√C. 4
D. 8

Simplify:

\[ (1.5 \times 10^3)(1.2 \times 10^{-4}) \div (2.0 \times 10^2) \]

√A. \[ 9.0 \times 10^{-4} \]
B. \[ 9.0 \times 10^{-5} \]
C. \[ 9.0 \times 10^{-6} \]
D. \[ 9.0 \times 10^{-7} \]

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C. \[ -4 \] i \[ \sqrt{12} \]
√D. \[ 2 + 6 \] i \[ \sqrt{3} \]
E. \[ 2 - 3 \] i \[ \sqrt{12} \]
Algebraic Concepts

Students understand and apply algebraic concepts, including extending patterns, simplifying expressions, solving equations and inequalities, plotting points on the coordinate plane, and working with functions.

A pattern is shown.

\[ 2, 4, 6, 8, \underline{\quad} \]

What number comes next in the pattern?

A. 8  
B. 9  
\( \checkmark \) C. 10  
D. 12

Saja wants to solve this problem.

\[ 12 - 4 = \underline{\quad} \]

Which number sentence can Saja use to help solve the problem?

\[ \square + 7 = 13 \]

A. 3  
\( \checkmark \) B. 6  
C. 14  
D. 20

Nia is making a necklace of beads in a pattern of 2 plain beads, 3 striped beads, and 1 bead with a star.

Which picture shows Nia’s beads?

A.  
B.  
C.  
\( \checkmark \) D.

Which number makes the number sentence true?

\[ 52 - \underline{\quad} = 12 \]

A. 30  
B. 32  
\( \checkmark \) C. 40  
D. 42

Use the graph to answer the question.

\[ x \]

\[ y \]

Which point is located at the coordinates (9, 8)?

A. A  
B. B  
\( \checkmark \) C. C  
D. D

The graph shows the change in price of a stock over time.

Identify the time intervals for which the stock price increased, decreased, or remained constant.

Move the intervals to the appropriate column in the table.

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<td>D</td>
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</table>

Solve:

\[ x - \frac{31}{4} = 108 \]

A. \( x = 232 \)  
B. \( x = 401 \)  
\( \checkmark \) C. \( x = 463 \)  
D. \( x = 556 \)

The graph shows the 600-kilometer (km) flight home of a pigeon.

What is the pigeon’s average speed for the trip?

A. 600 km per hour  
B. 60 km per hour  
\( \checkmark \) C. 100 km per hour  
D. 50 km per hour

Use the system of equations to answer the question.

\[ 2x + 2y = 6 \]
\[ y = x - 5 \]

What is the solution to the system of equations?

A. (1, 2)  
B. (1, -4)  
C. (2, 1)  
\( \checkmark \) D. (6, -1)

Which graph shows a quadratic relationship between \( x \) and \( y \)?

A.  
B.  
\( \checkmark \) C.  
D.  
E.
Geometry

Students understand and apply geometry concepts, including identification and classification of two- and three-dimensional figures, symmetry and transformations, similar and congruent figures, the Pythagorean Theorem, and scale factors.

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Move the block next to the ball.

161–170

Which shape is a triangle?

A. □  B. △  ✓D. △  E. □

171–180

Choose all the shapes that are flat.

181–190

Use the set of shapes to complete the task.

Choose all the terms that describe the set of shapes.

A. squares  B. rectangles  C. trapezoids  ✓D. parallelograms  ✓E. quadrilaterals

191–200

Some figures are shown.

Choose all the figures that show a line of symmetry.

201–210

The diagram shows the top, front, and side views of a solid.

Which solid could this be?

✓A.  B.  C.  D.  E.

211–220

Use the figures to answer the question.

What type of transformation is shown?

A. translation  B. rotation  ✓C. reflection  D. dilation  E. congruent

221–230

Which net can be folded along the dotted lines to make a closed cube?

✓A.  B.  C.  D.  E.

231–240

Students at a middle school built a model of their school. The school is 700 ft long and 500 ft wide.

If the students used a scale of 10 ft = 1 in., what are the dimensions of the model?

A. 70 ft by 50 ft  ✓D. 70 in. by 50 in.  B. 70 ft by 50 in.  E. 7 in. by 5 in.  C. 7 ft by 50 ft

241–250

A balloon is attached to a 30-foot string secured to the ground.

How far above the ground is the balloon?

A. 21 ft  ✓C. 819 ft  B. 39 ft  D. 981 ft

above 250

Circle D is shown with a diameter AC.

If \( \angle ACB = 54^\circ \), what is \( \angle BAC \)?

Circle D is shown with a diameter AC.

A. 27°  B. 36°  ✓C. 54°  D. 63°
Measurement

Students understand and apply concepts of measurement, including measuring, conversion; using appropriate units; and calculating perimeter, circumference, area, and surface area.

Below 161

Use the picture to answer the question.
Which tree is the shortest?

A. B. C. D. E.

Dante has 3 dimes, 2 nickels, and 4 pennies.
How much money does Dante have?

A. 9¢
B. 44¢
C. 54¢
D. 60¢

What is the area of the figure?

A. 5 square units
B. 9 square units
C. 18 square units
D. 20 square units

What is the perimeter?

A. 20 inches
B. 12 inches
C. 24 inches
D. 24 inches

What is the measurement of the angle shown?

A. 85°
B. 75°
C. 115°
D. 125°

Choose all the expressions that can be used to find the volume of the rectangular prism.

A. 12 + 12 + 8
B. 12 + 12 + 8 + 8
C. 12 + 12 + 8 + 8
D. 12 + 12 + 8 + 8

The area, A, of the circle can be found using the formula \( A = \pi r^2 \), where \( r \) is the radius.

What is the approximate area of the circle? Use 3.14 for \( \pi \).

A. 18.8 cm²
B. 37.7 cm²
C. 113.0 cm²
D. 452.2 cm²

161–170

Use the picture to answer the question.
How long is the pencil?

A. 6 cm
B. 5 cm
C. 6 cm
D. 7 cm
E. 8 cm

Use the rectangle to answer the question.

What is the perimeter?

A. 8 inches
B. 12 inches
C. 20 inches
D. 24 inches

Use the figure to answer the question.

What is the measurement of the angle shown?

A. 65°
B. 75°
C. 115°
D. 125°

What is the surface area of this rectangular solid?

A. 79 cm²
B. 110 cm²
C. 120 cm²
D. 128 cm²
E. 158 cm²

Above 250

The diameter of sphere A is twice the diameter of sphere B.

What is the ratio of the volume of sphere A to the volume of sphere B?

A. 8:1
B. 1:8
C. 1:1
D. 1:2
E. 2:1

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Data, Statistics, and Probability

Students understand and apply concepts of organizing, reading, and interpreting graphs, collecting and analyzing data, and determining probability and using it to predict outcomes.

below 161

Use the graph to answer the question.

Who has the most library books?

A. Ari
B. Cam
✓C. Lee
D. Liz

Who read the most books?

A. Amy
B. Sean
C. Mike
D. Katia
E. Jorge

161–170

Use the graph to answer the question.

The circle graph shows how Ana spends her day.

What percent of Ana's day is spent on family time and soccer?

40% ✓

171–180

Third graders voted for their new school mascot. The tally chart shows the results.

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<td>4</td>
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<td>Eagles</td>
<td>1</td>
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How many votes did Wildcats get?

A. 15
B. 16 ✓
C. 20

181–190

Ken wants to bake cookies for his class. He wants to know what cookie to bake.

Which question is best to find out what kind of cookies to bake?

A. Do you like to eat cookies?
B. What is your favorite cookie?
✓C. What is your favorite dessert?
D. How many cookies do you want to eat?

191–200

Anita rolled a number cube with sides numbered 1-6. The first eight results are listed.

3, 2, 6, 4, 5, 1, 4, 2

Anita rolled the number cube two more times. The mean of all 10 rolls is 3.

What were the results of Anita's last two rolls? Move numbers to the blanks to complete the sentence.

Anita's last two rolls must have been __ and __.

201–210

Ivan picks one block without looking.

What is the probability that the block Ivan picks has a number on it?

A. \( \frac{1}{5} \)
B. \( \frac{1}{3} \)
C. \( \frac{2}{5} \)

✓D. \( \frac{3}{5} \)

211–220

This list shows the number of points Julia scored in each of her last seven basketball games.

10, 14, 16, 12, 14, 14, 11

What is the mean number of points Julia scored?

A. 10
B. 13 ✓
C. 14
D. 16

221–230

Anita rolled a number cube with sides numbered 1-6. The first eight results are listed.

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Anita rolled the number cube two more times. The mean of all 10 rolls is 3.

What were the results of Anita's last two rolls? Move numbers to the blanks to complete the sentence.

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above 250

Use the box plot to answer the question.

What is the median of the data?

A. 20
B. 30 ✓
C. 32.5

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A. 20
B. 30 ✓
C. 35

What type of relationship is shown between the number of people and time?

A. positive and linear
B. negative and linear
C. positive and nonlinear

D. negative and nonlinear

The scatter plot shows data about the number of people who are working on a job and the amount of time needed to complete the job.

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C. 35

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A bag contains 2 green blocks, 3 red blocks, and 5 blue blocks. Two blocks are randomly chosen without replacement.

What is the probability that the first block is green and the second block is red?

✓A. \( \frac{1}{15} \)
B. \( \frac{1}{10} \)
C. \( \frac{1}{6} \)
D. \( \frac{3}{10} \)
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Phonological Awareness

Students identify, blend, isolate, and manipulate phonemes. They recognize rhyme and count syllables in words.

Listen to the beginning sound of each word: ring, rake, cone, rope.

Which word has a different beginning sound from the other words?

Listen to the sounds and put them together: /j/ /am/.

Choose the picture that shows this word: /j/ /am/.

Listen to the syllables: /chick/ /en/. Blend the syllables together to make a word.

Which word says /chick/ /en/ blended together?

Listen to the names of the pictures: tag, goat, boat, bus.

Choose the pictures that rhyme.

Listen to the word: clap. Take the /L/ sound away. Which picture shows this new word?

Listen to the word: mail. Take the /A/ sound away. Put the /E/ sound in its place. Which picture is the new word?

Listen to the word: butterfly. How many syllables are in the word “butterfly”? 1 2 3 4
Phonics

Students know and apply letter-sound correspondences and regular decoding patterns. They use spelling patterns and syllabication rules to decode words. They recognize sight words.

Listen to the word: fan.
Which letter makes the sound /f/, as in “fan”?

Listen to the word: top.
Which letter makes the ending sound in the word “top”?

Listen to the word: sandwich.
Which letters make the ending sound in the word “sandwich”?

Listen to the word: coin.
Choose the word “coin.”

Listen to the sound: /O/.
Which pair of letters makes the /O/ sound?

Listen to the word: surprise.
Move the slash to divide the word into its syllables.
## Concepts of Print

Students understand foundational concepts about words, text, and parts of books. They show understanding of environmental print. They identify letter names and apply knowledge of alphabetical order.

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- **They identify letter names and apply knowledge of alphabetical order.**

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Listen to the clues: It runs. It has legs. It has fur.
Which picture matches all the clues?

Listen to the passage.
Max looked out the window on the bus ride. Far just a moment, he got a glimpse of the new toy store. Very soon, the bus had passed it, and the store was out of sight again.

Listen to the sentence.
The dog jumped over the buckets.
Which word has an ending that means “in the past?”

Listen to the list of fruit.
Move ALL the words that are fruits to the paper to complete the list.

What does the word **glimpse** mean in the passage?

What does **preview** mean?

Which pair of words means the same thing?

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Listen to the story.

Which item did Ronnie take back to the art shelf?

Skating is the best sport for kids.
Hockey is a team sport on skates.
In speed skating, racers try to finish first.
Figure skating is the most fun.

Read the table of contents.

Which page has information about dogs?

Wolves .............. 6
Foxes ................ 10
Dogs ................ 14
Bears ................ 20
Cats ................. 25

Read the passage.

Which food did every son like?

Choose ALL the sentences that are facts.

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Read the passage.

Mr. Lee made lunch for his sons each day. Each son liked some foods best. The oldest son liked nuts and fruit. The middle son liked fruit and string cheese. The youngest son liked soup, fruit, and juice.

What is the main idea of the passage?

Birds go places other animals cannot. Robins build their nests high up in trees. There is a good reason for this. It is safer that way. Robins stay in their nests to protect their babies. But sometimes they must leave the safety of the nest. Robin parents need to find food like worms and berries. Leaving the baby robins would be dangerous if the nests were on the ground. Other animals could get to the baby birds. But since the nests are in trees, few animals can reach them. Baby robins are safer in trees than on the ground.
Writing
Students use steps in the writing process. They know conventions of standard English grammar and usage. They show understanding of correct capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.

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Listen to the sentence: The boys are wet.
Move the words to the line to write the sentence.

are boys The wet

151–160

Look at the picture.
Use ALL the words to write a sentence about the picture.

a gets He book

161–170

Look at the sentence that has a mistake.
Which word should begin with a capital letter?

The class pet mouse is named Marilyn.

171–180

Read the draft that Aziz wrote.
I think my dog Rascal is nice. His fur is nice. When he licks my face, it is nice. When we play fetch, it is nice. He cuddles with me, and that is nice. Rascal is a nice pet.

What is the best way that Aziz can make the draft better?
He can make the story shorter.
He can use the word “nice” more.
He can make the sentences shorter.
He can use other words for the word “nice.”

181–190

Read the sentences.
Put the sentences in the best order to make a paragraph.

When they finally got home, they made an apple pie.
Gabe was busy on Sunday afternoon.
First, his mom took him to the park.
At the grocery store, Gabe chose apples.
After the park, they went to the grocery store.

above 190

Roses can have many thorns.

a e g i m n u w y
Understanding RIT Scores and the Reference Charts

MAP Growth tests produce scores that make it possible to monitor student growth from year to year along developmental scales. The charts that follow show examples of the kinds of work students do at various points along the MAP Growth RIT scale, assuming they have been exposed to content.

Question Difficulty and the RIT Scale

These charts demonstrate the relationship between question difficulty and our RIT scale:

- For any MAP Growth score, students will answer questions at or near that score correctly about half the time.
- Questions with lower RIT will be answered correctly more frequently.
- Questions of higher RIT will be answered correctly less frequently. More difficult questions will probably require new learning on the part of the student.

PLEASE NOTE

Each subject area has a unique alignment to the RIT scale. As a result, scores between subjects are not equivalent.

Test items in this booklet are sample items, and many have not been calibrated or field tested. For purposes of this document, RIT scale alignment is an approximation.

Students decode words, recognize common words, and understand word relationships. They use context clues and reference materials to decipher word meaning and nuance.

Choose the word that matches the picture.

The dog has a _______ in his mouth.

1. ball
2. bone
3. flower
✓ 4. shoe

Use the sentences and the glossary to answer the question.

Dinah and her sister went to the market. They saw many kinds of produce. Dinah wanted peas. Her sister wanted strawberries.

Glossary
- market: a place to sell food
- produce: fruits and vegetables

What is another kind of produce?

✓ 1. apples
2. cookies
3. money
4. trees

Read the sentences.

My friend Chris always does what he promises to do. If he says he’ll meet me after school, he is always there waiting for me. Chris is a reliable friend.

What does reliable mean?

1. friendly
2. bright
✓ 3. dependable
4. capable

Read the sentences.

Lightning _______ the trunk of the lilac tree. I was _______ by the beauty of the sunset.

Glossary
- strike: to hit or make contact with something

Which word can be used in both sentences?

1. bent
2. flashed
✓ 3. struck
4. surprised

Read the sentences.

Jackie couldn’t believe how much fun she had on the field trip. She kept _______ the day’s events in her mind on the bus ride back to school.

In the word replaying, what does the prefix re- mean?

1. after
✓ 2. again
3. not
4. two

Which set of words all have the same root word?

1. extra, relax, index
2. contain, restrain, plain
3. here, everywhere, there
✓ 4. knowledge, unknown, knowing

Read the sentence.

Although the storm outside was ferocious, Nate left the comfort of the cabin and trudged toward home.

Which word best matches the connotative meaning of ferocious as it is used in the sentence?

1. barbaric
2. inhuman
✓ 3. intense
4. untamed

Read the sentence and dictionary entry.

The lives saved when the volcano exploded vindicated the expensive early warning system.

Dictionary
- vindicate (vin-di-keyt) v.
  1. to free from an accusation
  2. to justify based on evidence
  3. to defend against opposition
  4. to claim for oneself or for someone else

Which definition of vindicate is used in the sentence?

1. definition 1
2. definition 2
✓ 3. definition 3
4. definition 4

Based on an understanding of Latin roots, what is the meaning of ambidextrous?

1. walks quickly
2. before the flood
3. lives on land and in water
✓ 4. can use both hands equally well
Literary Concepts: Main Ideas, Details, and Inferences

Students read and comprehend literary texts, make inferences and predictions, and draw conclusions. They determine main ideas, analyze the development of themes, and summarize.

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Read the story.

Mother was ready. She had streamers and balloons. She baked a cake. She invited Sandy's friends. She asked them not to tell Sandy. Sandy would come home from school. Her friends would shout when she turned on the lights!

What is Sandy's mother planning?
1. Sandy's first day at school
2. a picnic in the backyard
✓ 3. Sandy's surprise party
4. a trip to the bakery

161–170

Read the passage.

I can't wait for winter vacation to start! Every day feels like a holiday! I love to have snowball fights with my friends and make snowmen in the yard.

Which word best describes how the author feels about winter vacation?
1. calm
✓ 2. excited
3. nervous
4. tired

171–180

Read the paragraph.

Gordon loves to visit his aunt and uncle in Vermont. He goes up every summer to visit them. They live on a houseboat on the lake.

What does Gordon like to do best?
1. swim in the lake
2. fish for perch and trout
3. read books on the boat deck
✓ 4. steer the boat around the lake

181–190

Read the story.

The wind whipped the tops of the trees so they looked like they were dancing. Clouds raced across the sky. Leaves and bits of paper swirled around.

Which sentence best tells what the story is about?
✓ 1. There is a big rainstorm coming.
2. They are having fun in the snow.
3. There is a double rainbow in the sky.
4. They are cleaning up after a big storm.

191–200

Read the passage.

Molly stared out the bus window with blank eyes. Next to her, a woman pulled herself up. She got off at the next stop. Molly looked over and saw that the woman had left something on the seat.

What was Molly's first reaction when she picked up the wallet?
1. to look at the pictures
2. to call after the woman
3. to stare out the bus window
✓ 4. to turn it in to the bus driver

201–210

Read the passage.

Celina’s eye glanced around in disgust. Everywhere she looked there was trash. A crushed aluminum soda can discarded over here. An empty crumpled-up chip bag tossed over there. It made her red with rage. Celina finally took a deep breath and slowly trudged into the grocery store.

“Hey, Celina, what’s wrong?” the owner of the store, Mrs. Jones, asked.

Which is the most likely theme of this passage?
1. Kids are usually very smart.
2. It is better to follow than lead.
3. People litter without knowing it.
✓ 4. Everyone can make a difference.

211–220

Read the passage.

He lived on the bank of a mighty river, broad and deep, which was always silently rolling on to a vast undiscovered ocean. It had rolled on, ever since the world began. It had changed its course sometimes, and turned into new channels, leaving its old ways dry and barren. (Passage continues.)

What is a central idea of this passage?
1. It is hard to swim against the tide
2. The river supports life on its banks.
3. Earth will continue to circle around the Sun.
✓ 4. The flow of the river to the ocean is unchanging

221–230

Read the passage.

Bernadou clung to his home with a dogged devotion. He would not go from it to fight unless compelled, but for it he would have fought like a lion.

Based on the passage, which statement about Bernadou is most likely true?
1. Bernadou had traveled to the capital of his country many times.
2. Bernadou was a drifter, never spending much time in any one place.
✓ 3. Bernadou would fight with loyalty and fierceness for any good cause.
4. Bernadou felt a strong connection to his hometown, but not his country.

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Read the passage.

Elizabeth Bennet had been obliged, by the scarcity of gentlemen, to sit down for two dances; and during part of that time, Mr. Darcy had been standing near.

How is Elizabeth Bennet influenced by the dialogue between Mr. Darcy and Mr. Bingley?
1. Because Elizabeth overhears Mr. Darcy’s insulting comments, she insists on sitting alone rather than dance with him.
2. Elizabeth discovers that Mr. Darcy’s refusal to dance is due to his shy nature and forgives his behavior.
✓ 3. Despite believing that Mr. Darcy is impolite and self-important, Elizabeth maintains an upbeat attitude.
4. Elizabeth develops a new, playful sense of humor around Mr. Darcy to draw him out of his foul mood.
# Literary Concepts: Purpose, Structure, and Devices

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Maria ate a big bowl of cereal. After breakfast, Maria put her book in her backpack. (Passage continues.)

What does Maria do first?
- **✓** 1. She puts on her coat.
- 2. She eats her breakfast.
- 3. She walks to the bus stop.
- 4. She puts her book in her backpack. |
| **161–170** | Read the story.
Rita was walking to the library one day in the rain. There were many people out on the streets. (Passage continues.)

What causes Rita to trip over the curb?
- **✓** 1. her bag of books
- 2. walking in the rain
- 3. people on the streets
- **✓** 4. talking on the phone |
| **171–180** | Read the passage.
Dave and Mike had a great time sledding. They pulled their sleds up the big hill and went down face first. (Passage continues.)

What do Mike and Dave do right after playing outside?
- 1. They race down the hill.
- 2. They fall asleep on the couch.
- **✓** 3. They have grilled cheese and soup.
- 4. They pull their sleds up the big hill. |
| **181–190** | Read the passage.
Scott opened his eyes and looked at the clock. He pulled the blankets over his head to keep the sun out. He yawned and closed his eyes. He just wanted to go back to sleep.

What does the author's short description tell the reader about Scott?
- **✓** 1. He is lazy.
- 2. He is tired.
- 3. He is scared.
- 4. He is hungry. |
| **191–200** | Read the passage.
Laura’s teacher asked to see the science project. “But Mrs. Thompson, I forgot it was due today!” Laura said. Then Laura asked if she could call her mom. “Mom, can you bring my science project to school? It’s due today!” She listened to her mother for a moment. (Passage continues.)

How do readers learn about Laura?
- **✓** 1. from what Laura looks like
- 2. from what other characters say
- 3. from what Laura says to others
- 4. from descriptions of Laura’s feelings |
| **201–210** | Read the passage.
The clouds lifted, and the pilot sighted the tower of The City Airport. He had already radioed ahead that he was arriving. (Passage continues.)

What is the best title for this passage?
- 1. A Pilot’s Life
- **✓** 2. A Safe Landing
- 3. The City Airport
- 4. One Cloudy Night |
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Many years ago, a young man named Takoda decided to go on foot to Dark Mountain, a three-day journey from his village. Two days into his journey, he paused for nourishment in a narrow valley. (Passage continues.)

How does the setting contribute to Takoda’s main problem in the story?
- **✓** 1. He is unable to see clearly through dust from the valley floor.
- 2. He is unable to find shelter from threatening weather on the valley floor.
- 3. The valley does not provide him with the nourishment he needs for his journey.
- 4. **✓** The valley does not provide him with an easy way to avoid the buffalo stampede. |
| **221–230** | Read the poem excerpt.
I saw the different things you did, 
But always you yourself you hid.
I felt you push, I heard you call, 
I could not see yourself at all–
O wind, a-blowing all day long, 
O wind, that sings so loud a song!
(From “The Wind” by Robert Louis Stevenson)

What is the rhyme scheme?
- 1. AAABBB
- 2. ABBACC
- **✓** 3. AABBCB
- 4. ABCABC |
| **above 230** | Read the poem.
Hope is the thing with feathers 
That perches in the soul, 
And sings the tune without the words, 
And never stops at all. (Poem continues) 
(From “Hope” by Emily Dickinson)

Which statement best expresses the meaning of the extended metaphor that compares hope to a bird throughout the poem?
- **✓** 1. Hope is a constant presence and gives people comfort.
- 2. Hope flies away like a bird during storms and difficult times.
- 3. Hope is demanding, like a bird that constantly needs to be cared for.
- 4. Hope tries to sing songs that are uplifting but forgets the words to them. |
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3. living in the city
4. having work to do

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How was the research conducted? What procedures were used?

Compare and contrast the details of the setting. It's a country and rock.

Who conducted the research? Where was it conducted?

Basketball soccer

Florida is a great place to visit.

Swimming

Reading the chart.

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Which sport do the most children like?

✓ 1. soccer
✓ 2. baseball
✓ 3. basketball
✓ 4. swimming

Which two types of music have the most instruments in common?

1. jazz and pop
2. pop and rock
3. country and jazz
✓ 4. country and rock

Which organizational structure is used in this passage?

1. cause and effect
2. sequence of events
3. order of importance
✓ 4. compare and contrast

Which sentence reveals the author's opinion of Robin Hood?

1. sentence 2
2. sentence 3
3. sentence 4
✓ 4. sentence 5

Read the passage.

[1] One of the most famous bad guys in history was Robin Hood. [2] People think he lived in England and hid in the forest with his friends. (Passage continues.)

Based on the descriptions in the two reviews, on which topic are the two reviewers most likely to agree?

1. the quality of the plot
✓ 2. the details of the setting
✓ 3. the overall quality of the movie
✓ 4. the main character's personality

The thorny devil is a very interesting and unusual creature. From its name, one might guess that it is large and scary. (Passage continues.)

Which explanation is the most likely reason the author includes a chapter heading in this passage?

1. to explain background information about the subject
✓ 2. to provide an idea of what the selection will be about
3. to present information about key vocabulary terms
4. to supply reasons why this is an interesting subject

Which feature of this text most assures the validity of the information?

1. the vocabulary
2. the author's tone
✓ 3. the use of citations
✓ 4. the use of percents

The best place to go on vacation is Florida. There are beautiful beaches, large hotels, good restaurants, and interesting shops. (Passage continues.)

What is the author's opinion of Florida?

1. Florida has no variety.
2. The weather is too hot.
✓ 3. Florida is a great place to visit.
4. Only boaters will enjoy Florida.

Over the last century, the amount of precipitation has increased significantly across eastern parts of North America. (Passage continues.)

(From “Adaptation Options for Climate-Sensitive Ecosystems and Resources” by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency)

Which topic code parameters do you use to describe your research?

1. Social Context
2. Method
3. Findings
4. Validity

How does the chart complement the text?

1. It summarizes the text.
✓ 2. It provides detail not in the text.
3. It serves to contrast information in the text.
4. It provides a transition between the two parts of the text.

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4. berries | 1. "What’s that? I asked."  
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3. "Mr. Ramirez said, Get in the car.”  
4. "Dad,” I asked, "can I feed the fish? | 1. He said, "The Tide is Coming in.”  
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2. It seems to us, Mr. Jones that the trip should be canceled.  
3. What are you going to do after practice tonight Tom?  
✓ 4. If you ask me, Lorraine, this bus schedule is outdated. | The band director tries to accommodate requests from the band members who want to practice in the band room after school.  
**How should accommodate be spelled?** | I live in an area known as the great southwest— in Taos, New Mexico. Taos is a town well known for its art, history, and recreation. Located just north of the Santa Fe National Forest, Taos offers visitors the chance to ski during the winter months. There are also several museums whose goal it is to preserve artwork from the northern part of New Mexico. There are even more options for exploration nearby; Taos is only 40 miles northeast of Santa Fe, the capital of New Mexico.  
**Which underlined word should be capitalized?** |
| ✓ 1. accommodate  
2. accommodate  
3. acommodate  
4. acomodate | ✓ 1. southwest  
2. north  
3. northern  
4. northeast |  

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Parts of Speech
Students understand the different parts of speech.

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Which word belongs in the blank?
1. am
✓ 2. is
3. are
4. were

Read the sentence.
I went with my mom to buy a ______ of bananas.
Which word best completes the sentence?
✓ 1. bunch
2. group
3. pile
4. set

Read the sentence.
Greg is ______ his father, George.
Which phrase best completes the sentence?
1. tallest than
2. taller from
✓ 3. taller than
4. tall than

161–170

Read the sentence.
The student wrote a report ______ Abraham Lincoln, our sixteenth president.
Which preposition would best complete the sentence?
1. in
2. from
✓ 3. about
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2. both, and
3. neither, nor
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Which sentence shows clear pronoun-antecedent agreement?
1. We unpacked our books from the boxes and then returned them to the office.
2. As soon as the monkeys left their cages, the janitors cleaned them.
3. Samantha put her jacket in the locker room and then forgot where it was located.
✓ 4. For English class, the students had to memorize a monologue by their favorite playwright.
Usage

Students understand the conventions of grammar, usage, and sentence structure.

Which sentence asks a question?
1. Today is a rainy day.
✓ 2. Where is my green hat?
3. Stay away from that puddle!
4. I know how to write my name.

Which sentence gives a command?
✓ 1. Meet me at the park on Saturday.
2. Summer is my favorite time of the year.
3. Jack went swimming at the pool last August.
4. Tasha lives in the same building as her best friend.

What is the best way to combine the sentences into one sentence?
1. Aunt Carrie wants to sit down, so all the chairs are very uncomfortable.
✓ 2. Aunt Carrie wants to sit down, or all the chairs are very uncomfortable.
3. Aunt Carrie wants to sit down, but all the chairs are very uncomfortable.
4. Aunt Carrie wants to sit down, nor all the chairs are very uncomfortable.

Which word belongs in the blank?
✓ 1. call
2. calls
3. caller
4. calling

Which change makes the fragment a complete sentence?
1. Each penguin in the deep pool.
✓ 2. Each penguin in the pool swam.
3. Each and every penguin in the pool.
4. Each little penguin in the deep pool.

Read the run-on sentence.
Jason took the cooking utensils out of the cupboard and found the recipe book he put on an apron and prepared to make a delicious feast.

Which is another way to write the run-on sentence without changing its meaning?
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Read the passage.
One strength I possess is the ability to solve problems. I am flexible in the types of problems I can solve and in the ways I can solve them. I excel at problem solving, both independently and when collaborating with others.

Lee wants to revise the final sentence so that it uses parallel structure.
Which sentence best accomplishes this goal?
1. I excel at problem solving, both independently and when in a team.
✓ 2. I excel at problem solving, both independently and collaboratively.
3. Whether I am working on my own or collaborating, I excel at problem solving.
4. Whether I collaborate with a team or am doing independent work, I excel at problem solving.
**Writing Process**

Students use various research and writing skills to plan, develop, and revise writing.

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Below is a graphic organizer with the following words:
- Smooth
- Cold
- How ice cream tastes
- Creamy

Which word would best complete the graphic organizer?

- 1. Bitter
- 2. Loud
- 3. Salty
- **✓** 4. Sweet

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### Read the paragraph.

**A cat is a great pet to have.** To keep your cat healthy, make sure to give it plenty of fresh water. Dogs like to swim. Don’t feed your cat human food. For a special treat, you can give your cat some catnip.

Which sentence should be removed from the paragraph?

- 1. A cat is a great pet to have.
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### Read the paragraph from Kim’s opinion piece.

You’ll get the freshest food when you grow it yourself. Fruits and vegetables that have just been picked taste great. Fresh fruits and vegetables also are more nutritious than those that have been sitting in a supermarket for days. In addition, growing your own food can save you money. One package of seeds costs very little, but there are many future plants inside just waiting to be given the chance to grow!

Which sentence will best introduce Kim’s opinion to her readers?

- 1. **✓** More people should grow their own fruits and vegetables.
- 2. I enjoy eating many different kinds of fruits and vegetables.
- 3. Planting a vegetable garden is as easy as planting a flower garden.
- 4. I have planted beans, lettuce, cucumbers, and watermelon in my garden.

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### Read the information.

Tanya is writing about the shift from U.S. isolationism to the nation’s declaration of war in 1917. She plans to reference this excerpt from an address given by President Woodrow Wilson.

*From Second Inaugural Address*

We have been deeply wronged upon the seas, but we have not wished to wrong or injure. . . .

Why is the address useful for Tanya’s assignment?

- 1. **✓** It explains Wilson’s motivation for involving the country in a war.
- 2. It provides evidence that Wilson has the support of his audience.
- 3. It acknowledges the point of view of those who favor isolationism.
- 4. It describes the possible impact of war on the country’s industrial growth.

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### Read Debra’s memo.

Thank you for participating in the Sundahl Engineering internship program. As the intern supervisor, I am requesting that all interns complete an experience report.

Which concluding sentence should Debra add to indicate the action she expects interns to take?

- 1. All reports will be read by management, who will then meet with intern supervisors on June 15 to implement student suggestions.
- 2. Sundahl Engineering wants to provide the best experience for student interns, as our goal is to offer skills and to recruit future employees.
- 3. We understand that students have many internship opportunities, so know that management thanks you for choosing Sundahl Engineering.
- **✓** 4. To allow time for management to read all the student intern reports and to provide suggestions to staff, please submit your report by June 1.
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Students understand the ideas about the structure and function of organisms, how matter and energy move through ecosystems, how heredity affects organisms, and how biological evolution affects the unity and diversity of life.

Which phrase describes all predators?
A. animals that eat plants and fungi
B. animals that hibernate in the winter
✓C. animals that hunt other animals for food
D. animals that live in herds with other animals

The diagram shows the parts of a plant.

Which part is labeled with the X?
A. flower  
B. leaf  
✓C. root  
D. stem

Students make a model of the life cycle of a butterfly.

How should the students label stages 1, 2, and 3?
A. egg, pupa, and larva
B. larva, egg, and pupa  
✓C. egg, larva, and pupa  
D. pupa, larva, and egg

What is a function of the respiratory system in animals?
A. to move blood
B. to detect sound
✓C. to obtain oxygen
D. to break apart food

A cell containing 10 chromosomes divides by mitosis.

How many chromosomes will each daughter cell contain?
A. 5  
✓B. 10  
C. 15  
D. 20

Why is DNA the storage molecule for hereditary information?
A. It contains the nitrogenous base uracil.
B. It contains strong covalent bonds.
✓C. It can be replicated and transcribed.
D. It translates the genetic code.
Earth and Space Sciences

Students understand concepts related to Earth in space, including the Universe and the Solar System; Earth’s systems, including plate tectonics, how Earth changes over time, and weather and climate; and how humans interact with and affect Earth.

This calendar shows the phases of the moon in January 2010.

Which statement best describes when the new moon appears?
A. It appears every 2 weeks.
B. It appears at least twice a month.
C. It appears about 30 days before the full moon.
D. It appears about 8 days after the third quarter moon.

Which moon phase most likely belongs in the box marked Day 5?

Which two changes are most important to show in the model to explain the variation in climate?
A. changes in the direction of the rotation of Earth
B. changes to the shape of the annual orbit of Earth
C. changes in the gravitational pull of the Sun and Earth
D. changes to the angle of the axis of Earth relative to the Sun
E. changes to the angle of the plane of the orbit of Earth around the Sun

Show the position of the Sun in the sky at 6 A.M., 12 noon, and 6 P.M. in March by dragging the three Suns to the correct boxes.

In May, a student observes the constellation Virgo in one area of the sky. One month later, the student observes the constellation Bootes in the same area of the sky.

Why does the student observe the constellation Virgo in May and then Bootes in June?
A. Stars fade in and out.
B. Earth rotates on its axis.
C. Stars revolve around the Sun.
D. Earth revolves around the Sun.

The graph shows changes in the atmosphere.

How will the trends in temperature and carbon dioxide in the graph most likely impact other Earth systems?
A. The change in global temperatures will cause an increase in the size of the polar ice caps.
B. The change in global temperatures will cause an increase in the size of the hole in the ozone layer.
C. The change in the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere will cause the ocean to be more acidic.
D. The change in the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere will cause an increase in the respiration by animals.

Tornadoes tend to form in areas with unstable air masses.

Which sentence best explains the relationship between air masses and tornadoes?
A. Tornadoes form in areas with cool air masses because cool air is more dense than warm air.
B. Tornadoes remove moisture from air masses, causing warm, humid air masses to change into cool, dry air masses.
C. The interaction between stable and unstable air masses results in an increase of warm, humid air masses where tornadoes often form.
D. The interaction between cool, dry air masses and warm, humid air masses causes instability in the atmosphere that can result in tornadoes.

Students are making a model of the Sun and Earth to explain the causes of natural, long-term variation in climate.
Physical Sciences
Students understand the ideas about the interactions of matter, the relationship between force and motion, and how energy forms transfer and transform.

Which is a solid?
A. air
B. milk
✓C. rock
D. water

Emilio is preparing lemonade. He first mixes 100 g of lemon juice with 400 g of water. He then adds 200 g of sugar.
Which observation indicates that a substance is a mixture?
✓A. It separates into 2 layers after 24 hours.
B. It remains the same color when cut in half.
C. It turns black and emits smoke when burned.
D. It breaks into 4 pieces when hit with a hammer.

What is the hydronium concentration of a basic solution?
A. \([\text{H}^+] = 1 \times 10^6\]
✓B. \([\text{H}^+] = 1 \times 10^{-6}\]
C. \([\text{H}^+] = 1 \times 10^{1}\]
D. \([\text{H}^+] = 9 \times 10^{-1}\]

Which chemical equation represents a neutralization reaction?
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C. \(\text{CH}_4 (g) + \text{O}_2 (g) \rightarrow \text{CO}_2 (g) + \text{H}_2\text{O} (g)\)
D. \(\text{NaOH} (aq) + \text{HCl} (aq) \rightarrow \text{NaCl} (aq) + \text{H}_2\text{O} (l)\)

A student experiments with magnets.
Which group of magnets has attractive forces between all 3 magnets?
✓A. S S N S S S N S
B. S S S N S S S N
C. S N S S N S S N
D. S S N S S S N S

Students designed four pulley systems to lift a box.
Which pulley system will lift the box with the LEAST input force?

Which ball has the greatest gravitational potential energy?
✓A. C
B. D

Emilio is preparing lemonade. He first mixes 100 g of lemon juice with 400 g of water. He then adds 200 g of sugar.

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