

**DAY 6 - Word Problems**

1. John bought a new television. The total cost includes a delivery charge of \$120, plus taxes of 13%.
- Assign variables and create an equation for this problem.
  - Determine the cost of the television before the delivery charge and the taxes if the total cost was \$540.

(a) Let  $x$  be cost of TV  
let  $y$  be total

$$y = 1.13(x + 120)$$

(b)  $540 = 1.13x + 135.60$

$$404.4 = 1.13x$$

$$357.88 = x$$

$\therefore$  TV cost 357.88 before tax.

2. The movie theatre charges \$5 per children and \$10 per adults for one movie.
- Assign variables and create an equation for this problem.
  - How many child tickets were sold, if the total sales was \$2500 and 150 adult tickets were sold?

(a) let  $A$  be # of adults  
let  $C$  be # of children  
let  $T$  be total cost.

$$T = 5C + 10A$$

(b)  $2500 = 5C + 10(150)$

$$2500 = 5C + 1500$$

$$1000 = 5C$$

$$200 = C$$

$\therefore$  200 child tickets sold

3. Ted and Ben are swimming laps in a pool that is 50 m in length. They start at opposite ends of the pool at the same time. Ted swims 10 m/min faster than Ben does. After 2 min they swim by each other.

- Assign variables and create an equation for this problem.
- How fast is each person swimming?

(a)

	D	V	T
Ted	$2(x+10)$	$x+10$	2
Ben	$2x$	$x$	2



$$2(x+10) + 2x = 50$$

$$2x + 20 + 2x = 50$$

$$4x + 20 = 50$$

$$4x = 30$$

$$x = 7.5$$

$\therefore$  Ben swims at 7.5 m/min  
and Ted at 17.5 m/min

4. Lin is tracking the progress of her plant's growth. Today the plant is 5cm high. The plant grows 1.5cm per day.

- Assign variables and create an equation for this problem.
- What is the height of the plant after 2 weeks?
- Find how many days have passed if the plant is 20cm tall?

(a) let  $x$  be # of days  
let  $y$  be total height

$$y = 5 + 1.5x$$

(b)  $y = 5 + 1.5(14)$

$$y = 5 + 21$$

$$y = 26 \quad \therefore 26\text{cm high}$$

(c)  $20 = 5 + 1.5x$

$$15 = 1.5x$$

$10 = x$   
 $\therefore$  after 10 days

5. Flight 47 leaves Toronto Pearson International Airport en route to Vancouver. It travels at an average speed of 500 km/h. One hour later, a cargo flight leaves Pearson for Vancouver, travelling at an average speed of 750 km/h. Let  $t$  represent the time in hours that Flight 47 has flown. Solve the equation  $500t = 750(t - 1)$  to find out when the cargo plane catches up with Flight 47.

$$500t = 750t - 750$$

$$-250t = -750$$

$$t = 3$$

$\therefore$  it takes 3 hrs.

6. Jack and Diane are bus drivers who drive the same route. Jack drives the regular bus, which travels at an average speed of 35 km/h. Diane drives the express bus, which travels at an average speed of 60 km/h. Diane completes her route in  $\frac{3}{4}$  h less time than Jack does. Solve the equation  $60(t - 0.75) = 35t$  to find the length of time Jack takes to complete the route. How long does Diane take?

$$60(t - 0.75) = 35t$$

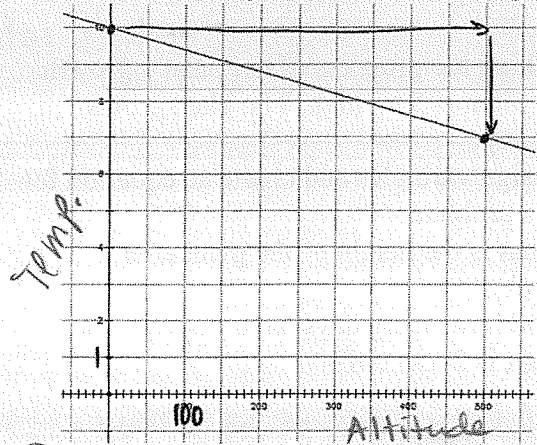
$$60t - 45 = 35t$$

$$-45 = -25t$$

$$1.8 = t$$

it takes 1.8 hours.

7. With every increase in altitude of 1000 m, the temperature decreases by about  $6^\circ\text{C}$ . At the base of a mountain the temperature is  $10^\circ\text{C}$ .
- Write an equation to model the temperature on the mountain.
  - The temperature outside the tents at the first camp for climbers is  $-10^\circ\text{C}$ . How high up the mountain is the camp?



Ⓐ let  $x$  be altitude  
let  $y$  be temperature

$$y = \frac{-6}{1000}x + 10$$

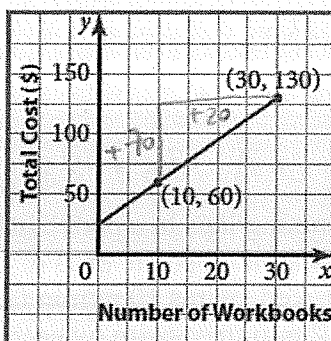
Ⓑ  $-10 = \frac{-6}{1000}x + 10$

$$-20 = \frac{-3}{500}x$$

$$-10000 = -3x$$

$3333 = x$   $\therefore$  up at altitude of 2000

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The graph shows how the total cost, in dollars, to ship workbooks is related to the number of workbooks.

- Write an equation in the form  $y = mx + b$  for this relation.
- What do the values of  $m$  and  $b$  represent?
- Jee-Yun has a budget of \$200 for workbooks. How many can she buy?

$$m = \frac{70}{20}$$

$$m = \frac{7}{2} = 3.5$$

Ⓐ let  $x$  be # of workbooks  
let  $y$  be total cost

$$y = 3.5x + 25$$

Ⓑ  $m = 3.5$   $b = 25$

represents \$3.50/book      rep. initial cost.

Ⓒ  $200 = 3.5x + 25$

$175 = 3.5x$   
 $m = x$   $\therefore$  she can buy 50