

Lesson 17: Comparing Tape Diagram Solutions to Algebraic Solutions

Classwork

Exploratory Challenge: Expenses on Your Family Vacation

John and Ag are summarizing some of the expenses of their family vacation for themselves and their three children, Louie, Missy, and Bonnie. Write an algebraic equation, create a model to determine how much each item will cost using all of the given information, and answer the questions that follow.

Expenses:

Car and insurance fees: \$400	Airfare and insurance fees: \$875	Motel and tax: \$400
Baseball game and hats: \$103.83	Movies for one day: \$75	Soda and pizza: \$37.95
	Sandals and t-shirts: \$120	

Your Group's Scenario Solution:

Exercise

The cost of a babysitting service on a cruise is \$10 for the first hour and \$12 for each additional hour. If the total cost of babysitting baby Aaron was \$58, how many hours was Aaron at the sitter?

Lesson Summary

Tape diagrams can be used to model and identify the sequence of operations to find a solution algebraically.

The goal in solving equations algebraically is to isolate the variable.

The process of doing this requires “undoing” addition or subtraction to obtain a 0 and “undoing” multiplication or division to obtain a 1. The additive inverse and multiplicative inverse properties are applied, to get the 0 (the additive identity) and 1 (the multiplicative identity).

The addition and multiplication properties of equality are applied because in an equation, $A = B$, when a number is added or multiplied to both sides, the resulting sum or product remains equal.

Problem Set

1. A taxi cab in Myrtle Beach charges \$2 per mile and \$1 for every person. If a taxi cab ride for two people costs \$12, how far did the taxi cab travel?
2. Heather works as a waitress at her family’s restaurant. She works 2 hours every morning during the breakfast shift and the same number of hours every evening during the dinner shift. In the last four days she worked 28 hours. How many hours did she work during each dinner shift?
3. Jillian exercises 5 times a week. She runs 3 miles each morning and bikes in the evening. If she exercises a total of 30 miles for the week, how many miles does she bike each evening?
4. Marc eats an egg sandwich for breakfast and a big burger for lunch every day. The egg sandwich has 250 calories. If Marc has 5,250 calories for breakfast and lunch for the week in total, how many calories are in one big burger?
5. Jackie won tickets playing the bowling game at the local arcade. The first time, she won 60 tickets. The second time she won a bonus, which was 4 times the number of tickets of the original second prize. All together she won 200 tickets. How many tickets was the original second prize?