

# **DesCartes: A Continuum of Learning®**

## **Mathematics**

Goal: Operations and Algebraic Thinking

RIT Score Range: 211 - 220 Statements Last Updated: Mar 10, 2014

Skills and Concepts to Enhance (73% Probability*) 201 - 210	Skills and Concepts to Develop (50% Probability*) 211 - 220	Skills and Concepts to Introduce (27% Probability*) 221 - 230
Represent and Solve Problems	Represent and Solve Problems	Represent and Solve Problems
<ul> <li>Uses rounding to estimate answers to real-world problems involving numbers 1000 or greater with addition and subtraction (whole numbers only)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Uses rounding to estimate answers to real-world problems involving multiplication and division of numbers less than 100 (whole numbers only)</li> </ul>	Uses rounding to estimate answers to real-world problems involving multiplication and division of numbers less than 100 (whole numbers only)
<ul> <li>Solves real-world whole number problems involving subtraction with numbers 100 and under (analysis)</li> </ul>	Uses rounding to estimate answers to real-world problems involving numbers less than 1000 with multiplication and division (whole numbers	Uses rounding to estimate answers to real-world problems involving numbers less than 1000 with multiplication and division (whole numbers only)
<ul> <li>Solves whole number subtraction word problems with numbers over 1000</li> </ul>	only)  • Models whole number multiplication and division algorithms (e.g., uses physical materials to show 4 groups of 3 objects)	Models algorithms using place value concepts (multiplication and division with whole numbers)
<ul> <li>Solves problems using the inverse relationship between addition and subtraction</li> </ul>	Performs mental computation with division	Solves complex word problems involving whole number division with
<ul> <li>Solves word problems involving whole number multiplication with numbers greater than 10 x 10</li> </ul>	Solves whole number word problems with division over 10 x 10	remainder (e.g., 2-step, 2-digit divisor)  • Solves real-world multiple-step problems involving whole numbers
Models whole number multiplication and division algorithms (e.g., uses	<ul> <li>Solves complex word problems involving whole number division with remainder (e.g., 2-step, 2-digit divisor)</li> </ul>	Demonstrates an understanding of multiple properties
physical materials to show 4 groups of 3 objects)  • Instantly recalls division facts with dividend and divisors less than 13	Solves real-world problems involving 2-step multiple operations, whole numbers only	Represents relationships of quantities in the form of an expression
Performs mental computation with division	Solves real-world multiple-step problems involving whole numbers	Solves open sentences with calculations on both sides of the sentence     Applies algebraic methods to solve theoretical problems
<ul> <li>Solves word problems with whole number division facts with dividend and divisors less than 11</li> </ul>	Predicts the relative size of the answer when multiplying whole numbers	Applies algebraic methods to solve real-world problems
<ul> <li>Solves simple word problems involving whole number division with remainder (e.g., 1-step, 1-digit divisor)</li> </ul>	Demonstrates an understanding of the inverse relationship between addition and subtraction	Uses pictures to represent problems     Uses multiple number theory concepts to solve problems (e.g., factors,
<ul> <li>Solves whole number word problems with division over 10 x 10</li> </ul>	Demonstrates an understanding of the commutative property of	digits, odd/even, divisibility)
Determines the remainder in a real-world problem (whole numbers)	multiplication with simple problems	
Uses division for multiple-step real-world problems (whole numbers)	Demonstrates an understanding of the associative property of multiplication	
<ul> <li>Evaluates numerical expressions using grouping symbols (whole numbers only)</li> </ul>	Demonstrates an understanding of the distributive property of multiplication by decomposing a term	
<ul> <li>Solves real-world problems involving 2-step multiple operations, whole numbers only</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Understands equivalence and extends the concept to number sentences involving variables (e.g., 8 + 2 = [] + 2)</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Demonstrates an understanding of the commutative property of multiplication with simple problems</li> </ul>	Uses algebraic reasoning to solve problems involving equality	
<ul> <li>Understands equivalence and extends the concept to number sentences involving variables (e.g., 8 + 2 = [] + 2)</li> </ul>	relationships • Uses simple linear equations to represent problem situations	
Uses algebraic reasoning to solve problems involving equality relationships	<ul> <li>Solves simple open sentences with missing factors (numbers over 100)</li> <li>Solves open sentences using the distributive property</li> </ul>	
Uses simple linear equations to represent problem situations	Solves open sentences using the distributive property     Solves open sentences with calculations on both sides of the sentence	
Describes a realistic situation using information given in a linear	Applies algebraic methods to solve theoretical problems	
equation	Uses pictures to represent problems	
<ul> <li>Solves simple open sentences with missing factors (numbers 100 and under)</li> </ul>	Translates a 2-step problem to a symbolic expression or equation	
Solves 2-step open sentences with missing addends		
<ul> <li>Solves open sentences with basic-facts calculations on both sides of the sentence</li> </ul>		
• Translates a 1-step problem to a symbolic expression or equation		

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• Translates a 2-step problem to a symbolic expression or equation		
Solves problems using tables		
• Uses number sense strategies to solve problems (addition/subtraction only)		
Analyze Patterns and Relationships	Analyze Patterns and Relationships	Analyze Patterns and Relationships
• Extends a growing arithmetic pattern, defined by objects or diagrams	Completes a function table given a simple rule (e.g., x + 2)	• Extends a growing pattern of triangular numbers, defined by objects or
<ul> <li>Completes a simple function table based on real-life situations (e.g., the number of tricycles related to the number of wheels)</li> </ul>	Determines the rule given a simple real-world function table (e.g., # Dogs compared to # Legs)	diagrams  • Looks for a growing pattern to solve a problem
• Completes a function table given a simple rule (e.g., x + 2)	Determines the rule and completes a simple function machine output	Determines factors of whole numbers
Determines the rule and completes a simple function machine output	Looks for a growing pattern to solve a problem	Uses factor and multiple concepts to solve simple problems
Predicts from simple charts and tables	Determines factors of whole numbers	
	Identifies numbers as prime	
New Vocabulary: minimum, plus	New Vocabulary: None	New Vocabulary: None
New Signs and Symbols: ¢ cent sign, = is equal to, + positive number	New Signs and Symbols: ( ) parenthesis around an integer, { } set notation	New Signs and Symbols: None

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