

DesCartes: A Continuum of Learning®

Mathematics

Goal: Operations and Algebraic Thinking

RIT Score Range:	221 - 230
Statements Last Updated:	Mar 10, 2014

Skills and Concepts to Enhance (73% Probability*) 211 - 220	Skills and Concepts to Develop (50% Probability*) 221 - 230	Skills and Concepts to Introduce (27% Probability*) 231 - 240
Expressions and Equations	Expressions and Equations	Expressions and Equations
 Uses rounding to estimate answers to 2-step problems involving money (using decimals) 	 Solves real-world problems involving rate of pay Solves difficult real-world problems involving decimals (e.g., multiple 	 Evaluates numerical expressions using the order of operations (whole numbers only)
 Demonstrates an understanding of the associative property of multiplication 	 multiplications, conversions) Uses the distributive property 	 Evaluates expressions using the order of operations, including exponents (whole numbers only)
 Demonstrates an understanding of the distributive property of multiplication by decomposing a term 	• Calculates the value of a power (e.g., $2^3 = 8$)	 Solves real-world problems involving rate of pay Solves real-world problems involving rate of pay with time and a half
 Calculates the value of a power (e.g., 2³ = 8) Uses a table of input/output values to represent patterns 	 Solves problems involving simple interest rates with the formula Uses a table of input/output values to represent patterns 	 Solves difficult real-world problems involving decimals (e.g., multiple multiplications, conversions)
 Understands equivalence and extends the concept to number sentences involving variables (e.g., 8 + 2 = [] + 2) 	 Uses basic operations on algebraic expressions (substituting for unknowns) 	 Evaluates numerical expressions using the order of operations (using integers)
 Uses algebraic reasoning to solve problems involving equality relationships 	 Recognizes commutative, associative, distributive, symmetric, transitive, and reflexive properties 	Divides rational expressions in a/b form
Uses simple linear equations to represent problem situations	 Uses basic operations on algebraic expressions (expanding - monomial by a binomial) 	 Uses the distributive property Calculates the power of a number (e.g., 8 = 2³)
 Solves simple open sentences with missing factors (numbers over 100) Solves open sentences using the distributive property 	 Demonstrates an understanding of properties (e.g., commutative, associative, distributive, properties of 0) 	 Evaluates expressions containing powers (e.g., 3² x 2³) Applies rules for multiplying and dividing powers
 Solves open sentences with calculations on both sides of the sentence Solves 2-step open sentences with missing factors 	• Writes equivalent forms of algebraic expressions (e.g., $(x + 3)/2 = x/2 + 3/2$)	Solves problems with scientific notation
Solves 1-step linear equations	 Represents relationships of quantities in the form of an expression Uses basic operations on algebraic expressions (uses correct order of 	 Describes and uses a variable with whole numbers, multiplication, and division in a contextual situation
 Applies algebraic methods to solve theoretical problems Translates a 2-step problem to a symbolic expression or equation 	operations)	 Uses expressions to represent situations that involve variable quantities with exponents
 Solves real-world problems using reasoning strategies Uses powers to represent 10, 100, 1000, 10,000, and 100,000 	 Expresses a simple linear equation from a contextual situation Solves open sentences with calculations on both sides of the sentence 	 Uses basic operations on algebraic expressions (substituting for unknowns)
	 Solves 2-step open sentences with missing factors Solves 1-step linear equations 	 Uses basic operations on algebraic expressions (substituting for unknown exponents)
	Solves 2-step linear equations	 Recognizes commutative, associative, distributive, symmetric, transitive, and reflexive properties
	Solves linear equations with decimalsSolves linear equations with integers	 Uses basic operations on algebraic expressions (combining like terms) Uses basic operations on algebraic expressions (expanding -
	 Writes equivalent forms of algebraic equations using addition and subtraction 	monomial by a binomial)
	 Solves open sentences with decimals Solves linear equations in a real-world context using a given formula 	• Writes equivalent forms of algebraic expressions (e.g., $(x + 3)/2 = x/2 + 3/2$)
	 Applies algebraic methods to solve theoretical problems 	 Represents relationships of quantities in the form of an expression Uses basic operations on algebraic expressions (uses correct order of
	 Applies algebraic methods to solve real-world problems Uses graphs to solve simple systems of linear equations 	operations) Expresses a simple linear equation from a contextual situation
	Applies systems-of-linear-equations methods to solve theoretical problems	 Solves 2-step open sentences with missing factors (variables on both sides of the sentence)
	 Describes the relationship or a real-world situation represented by a simple linear inequality (e.g., 1- or 2-step) 	 Solves 2-step linear equations Solves linear equations with integers
	Solves real-world problems using reasoning strategies	Solves linear equations with fractions

Explanatory Notes

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	• Uses powers to represent 10, 100, 1000, 10,000, and 100,000	Solves linear equations using rational numbers
	Writes a number expressed in scientific notation in standard form	Applies algebraic methods to solve real-world problems
		Determines slope from a linear equation
		Uses polynomial equations to solve complex real-world problems (e.g., using distributive property, variables on both sides)
		Uses graphs to solve simple systems of linear equations
		Solves simple one-step inequality open sentences
		Expresses a simple linear inequality from a contextual situation
		• Describes the relationship or a real-world situation represented by a simple linear inequality (e.g., 1- or 2-step)
		Solves simple linear inequalities using graphs
		• Solves problems involving capacity in the metric system and converts to larger or smaller units
		Converts from Celsius to Fahrenheit, given conversion ratios
		Determines the prime factorization of a number
		Writes a whole number in scientific notation
Use Functions to Model Relationships	Use Functions to Model Relationships	Use Functions to Model Relationships
 Completes a function table given a simple rule (e.g., x + 2) 	 Extends a growing pattern of triangular numbers, defined by objects or diagrams Represents geometric sequences using written descriptions in recursive terms (present term, next term) Solves problems involving simple functions Looks for a growing pattern to solve a problem 	Recognizes and extends arithmetic sequences (predicts nth term)
 Solves problems involving simple functions Looks for a growing pattern to solve a problem 		Represents geometric sequences using written descriptions in recursive terms (present term, next term)
• Interprets data in line graphs (e.g., change over time)		Recognizes and extends the Fibonacci sequence
		Writes linear equations when given ordered pairs
		• Writes the equation of a horizontal or vertical line when given the graph of the line
		 Represents real-world functions using an equation
		Uses mapping diagrams to represent functions
		Uses tables to determine function equations
		Identifies the graph type, given equations of linear and nonlinear functions
		Solves problems involving simple functions
		Solves problems involving complex functions
		Interprets data given in line graphs to solve problems
New Vocabulary: None New Signs and Symbols: () parenthesis around an integer, a.m., ¢ cent		New Vocabulary: algebraic sentence, depreciate, equation of a line, is less than, regression equation, time-and-a-half
sign, °F degrees Fahrenheit, \$ dollar sign, Ib pound, mph miles per hour	overbar, ∆ triangle	New Signs and Symbols: $\leq, \geq, ()$ ordered pair, $f(x)$ the value of the function f at x, > greater than, > greater than, \geq greater than or equal to, km kilometer/kilometre, \leq less than or equal to, • multiplication symbol (dot), - subtraction

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