English 4th Grade M-Z
Vocabulary Cards and Word Walls

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Important Notes for Teachers:

- The vocabulary cards in this file match the Common Core, the math curriculum adopted by the Utah State Board of Education, August 2010.
- The cards are arranged alphabetically.
- Each card has three sections.
    - Section 1 is only the word. This is to be used as a visual aid in spelling and pronunciation. It is also used when students are writing their own "kid-friendly" definition and drawing their own graphic.
    - Section 2 has the word and a graphic. This graphic is available to be used as a model by the teacher.
    - Section 3 has the word, a graphic, and a definition. This is to be used for the Word Wall in the classroom. For more information on using a Word Wall for Daily Review – see "Vocabulary – Word Wall Ideas" on this website.
- These cards are designed to help all students with math content vocabulary, including ELL, Gifted and Talented, Special Education, and Regular Education students.

For possible additions or corrections to the vocabulary cards, please contact the Granite School District Math Department at 385-646-4239.

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mass

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The amount of matter in an object. Usually measured by comparing with an object of known mass. While gravity influences weight, it does not affect mass.

meter (m)

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meter (m)

A baseball bat is *about* 1 meter long.

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meter (m)

A standard unit of length in the metric system.

A baseball bat is *about* 1 meter long.

metric system

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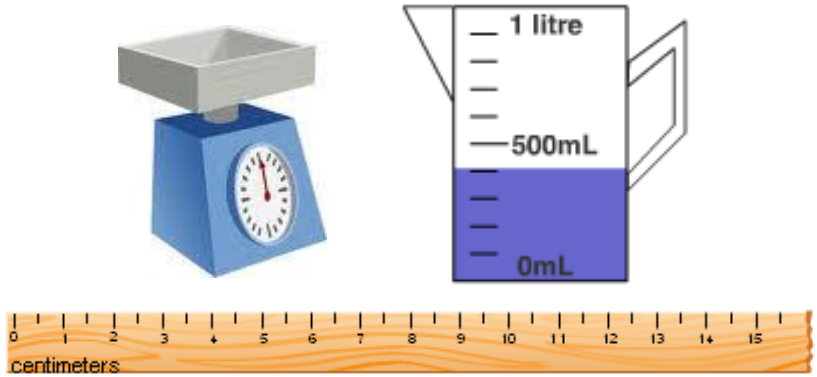
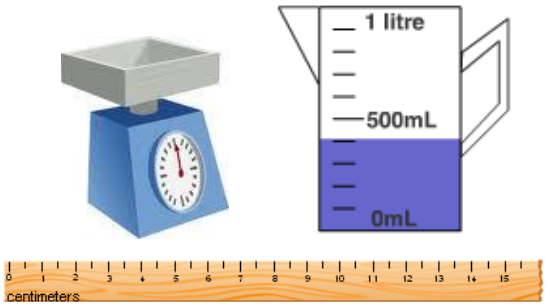


metric system



A system of measurement based on tens. The basic unit of capacity is the liter. The basic unit of length is the meter. The basic unit of mass is the gram.

mile

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mile

Two times around the average roller coaster is *about* 1 mile.

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mile

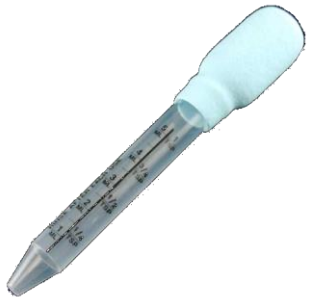
Two times around the average roller coaster is *about* 1 mile.

A customary unit
of length.
1 mile = 5,280 feet

milliliter (mL)

This holds about 10 drops or 1 milliliter.

milliliter (mL)



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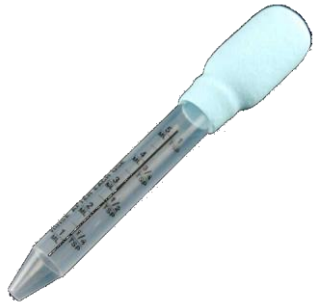
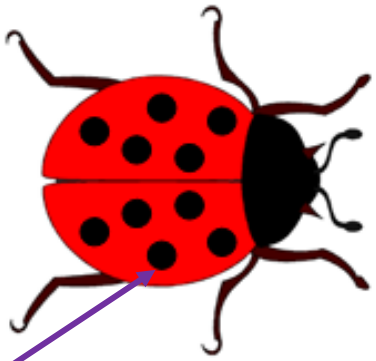


A metric unit of capacity.
1,000 milliliters = 1 liter

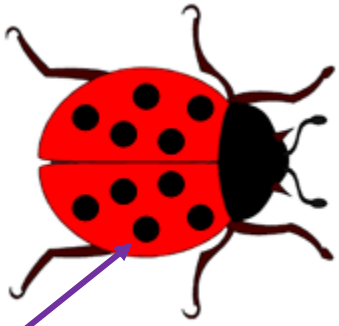
millimeter (mm)

millimeter (mm)



The dot on a ladybug is *about* 1 millimeter wide.

millimeter (mm)



The dot on a ladybug is *about* 1 millimeter wide.

A metric unit of length.
1,000 millimeters = 1 meter

minute (min)

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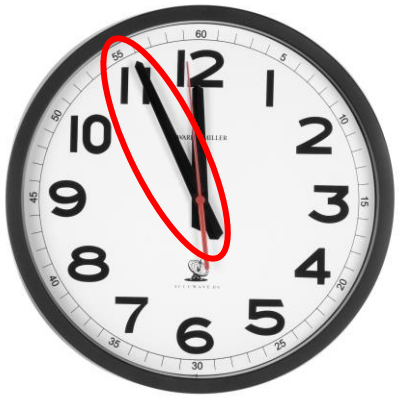

minute (min)

A unit used to measure a short amount of time; there are 60 minutes in one hour.

mixed number

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mixed number

$1\frac{5}{8}$ $4\frac{3}{4}$

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mixed number

$1\frac{5}{8}$ $4\frac{3}{4}$

A number that has a counting number and a fraction.

month

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September						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

September is the ninth month of the year.

month

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29	30					

September is the ninth month of the year.

A length of time equal to
28, 30, or 31 days.
12 months = 1 year

multiple

multiple

12 is a multiple of 3 and 4 because 3 x 4 = 12

multiple

12 is a multiple of 3 and 4 because 3 x 4 = 12

A product of a given whole number and any other whole number.

multiplicative comparison

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Amy had 5 baseball cards. Jeff had 3 times as many cards as Amy. How many baseball cards did they have altogether?

multiplicative comparison

Amy had 5 baseball cards. Jeff had 3 times as many cards as Amy. How many baseball cards did they have altogether?

Compare by asking or telling how many times more one amount is than another. e.g., 3 times as many as

Multiplicative Identity Property of 1

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1 group of 3 = 3
1 x 3 = 3

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If you multiply a number by one, the product is the same as that number.

multiply

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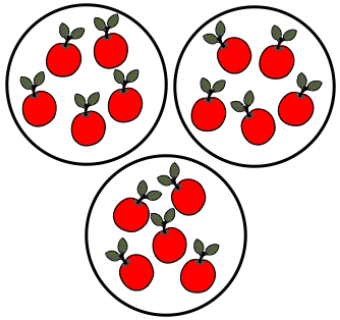
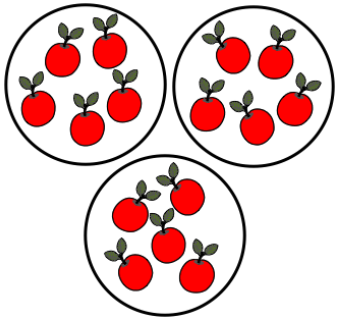


3 x 5 = 5 + 5 + 5

multiply



3 x 5 = 5 + 5 + 5

The operation of repeated addition of the same number.

number line

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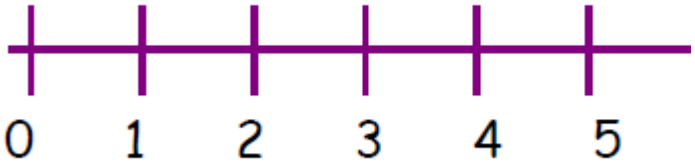


A diagram that represents numbers as points on a line.

number names

number names

The number name for 234 is two hundred, thirty-four.

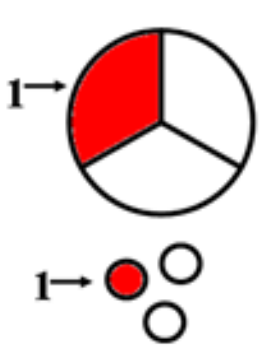
number names

The number name for 234 is two hundred, thirty-four.

A way of using words to write a number.
(also known as word form)

numerator

numerator $\frac{1}{3}$



- Parts shaded
- Parts we are using

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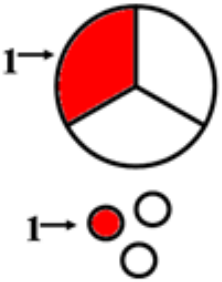

- Parts shaded
- Parts we are using

The number written above the line in a fraction. It tells how many equal parts are described in the fraction.

obtuse angle

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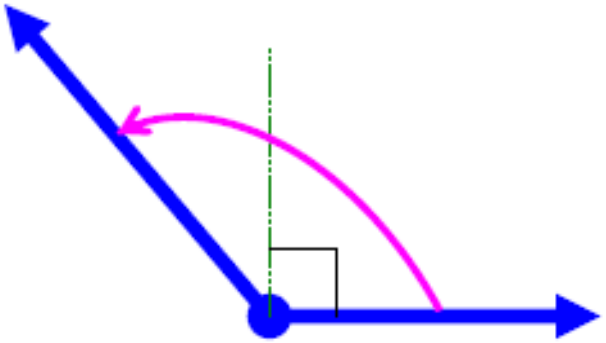
obtuse angle



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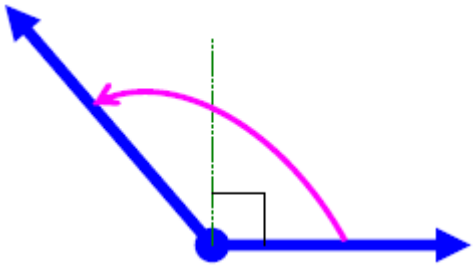
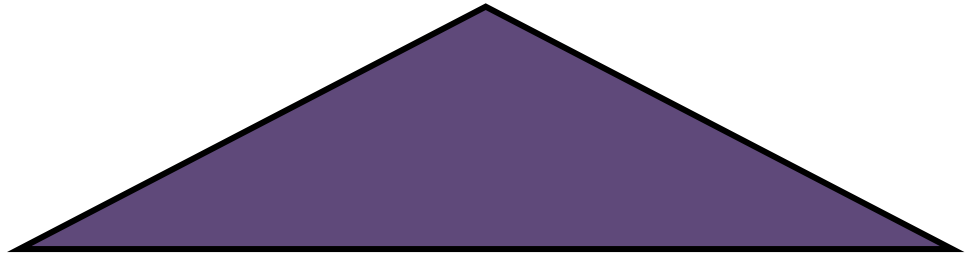
obtuse angle



An angle with a measure
greater than 90º
but less than 180º.

obtuse triangle

obtuse triangle



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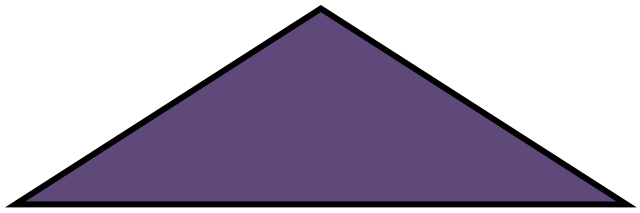

A triangle that contains one angle with a measure greater than 90º (obtuse angle) and two acute angles.

ones

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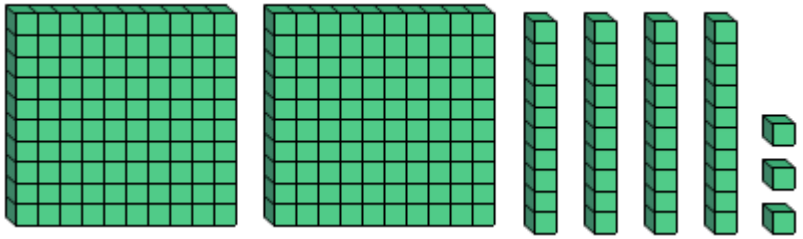
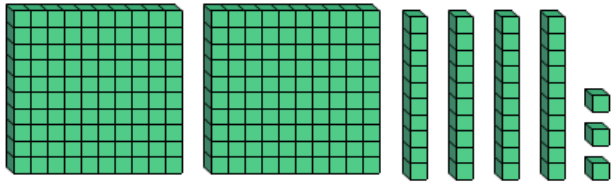


Hundreds	Tens	Ones
2	4	3

ones



Hundreds	Tens	Ones
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The value of a digit that is farthest to the right when describing whole number place value.

order

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$\frac{2}{8}$ $\frac{2}{6}$ $\frac{2}{4}$

In order from least to greatest.

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order

$\frac{2}{8}$ $\frac{2}{6}$ $\frac{2}{4}$

In order from least to greatest.

A sequence or arrangement of things. To order fractions, compare two fractions at a time.

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A set of rules that tells the order in which to compute.

ounce (oz)

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ounce (oz)

A strawberry weighs *about* 1 ounce.

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ounce (oz)

A strawberry weighs *about* 1 ounce.

A customary unit of weight equal to one sixteenth of a pound.
16 ounces = 1 pound

p.m.

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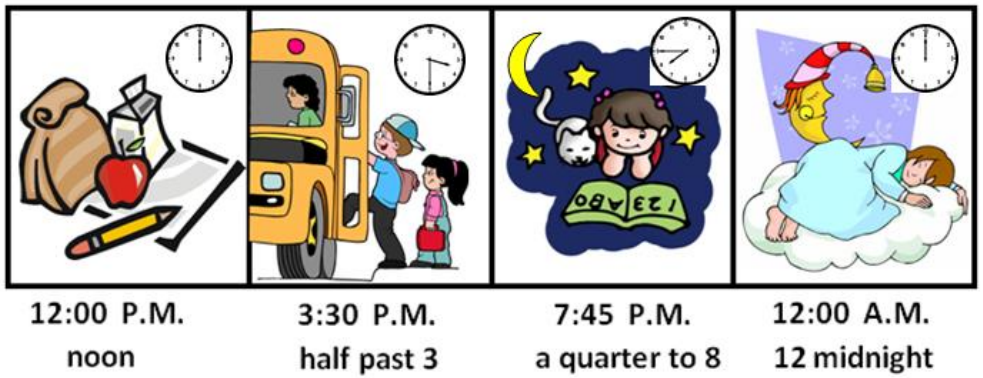

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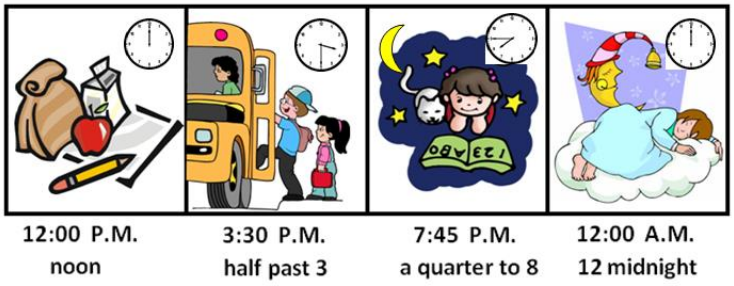
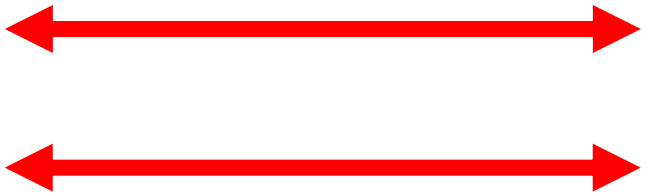


The time between
12:00 noon and
12:00 midnight.

parallel lines

parallel lines



parallel lines

Lines that are always the same distance apart. They do not intersect.

parallelogram

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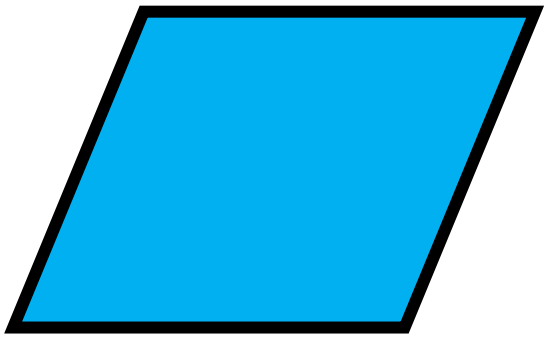

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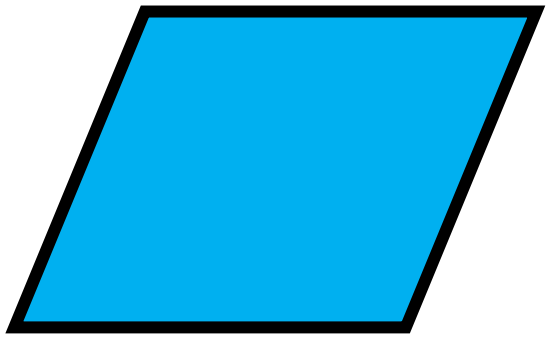

A quadrilateral with two pairs of parallel and congruent sides.

parentheses

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parentheses

(2 + 3) x 4

5 x 4

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parentheses

(2 + 3) x 4

5 x 4

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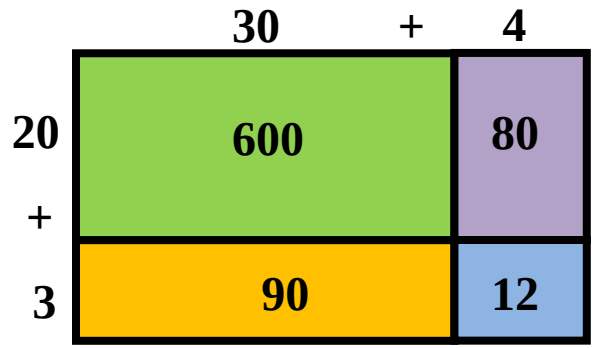
Used in mathematics as grouping symbols for operations. When simplifying an expression, the operations within the parentheses are performed first.

partial product

partial product

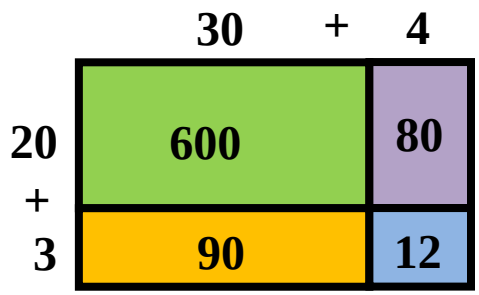


23 x 34 = 782

34
x 23
600
80
90
+ 12
782

partial products

partial product



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partial products

A method of multiplying in which the value of each digit in a factor is multiplied separately, and then the partial products are added together.

partial quotient

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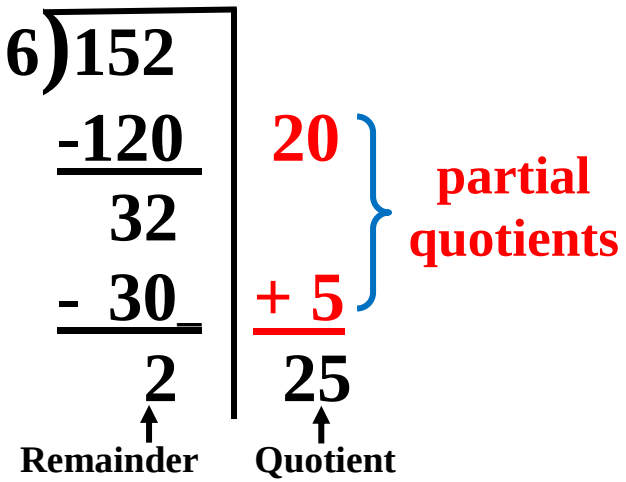

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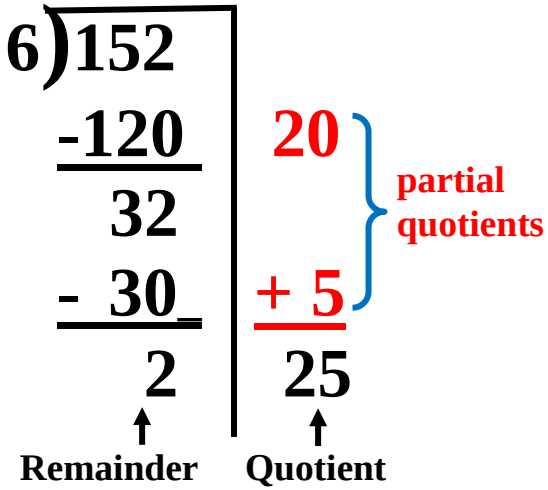

A method of dividing in which multiples of the divisor are subtracted from the dividend, and then the partial quotients are added together.

pattern

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1 +4 5 +4 9 +4 13

The pattern is all odd numbers.
It follows the rule “add 4.”

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The pattern is all odd numbers.
It follows the rule “add 4.”

A repeating or growing sequence. An ordered set of numbers arranged according to a rule.

pattern

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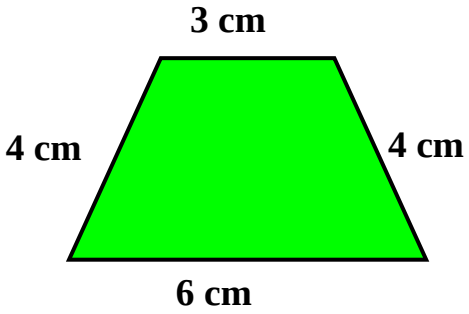
A repeating or growing sequence or design. An ordered set of numbers or shapes arranged according to a rule.

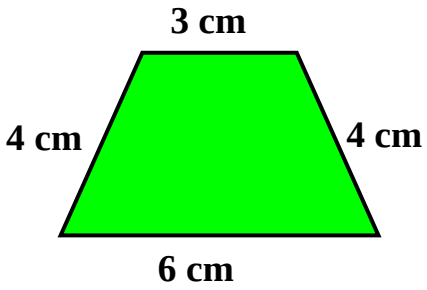
perimeter

perimeter



Perimeter = 4cm + 6cm + 4cm + 3cm
= 17cm

perimeter

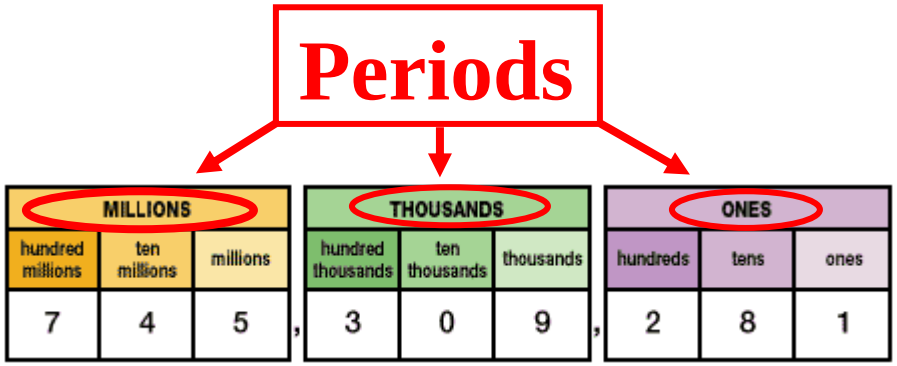


The distance around the outside of a figure.

Perimeter = 4cm + 6cm + 4cm + 3cm
= 17cm

period

period



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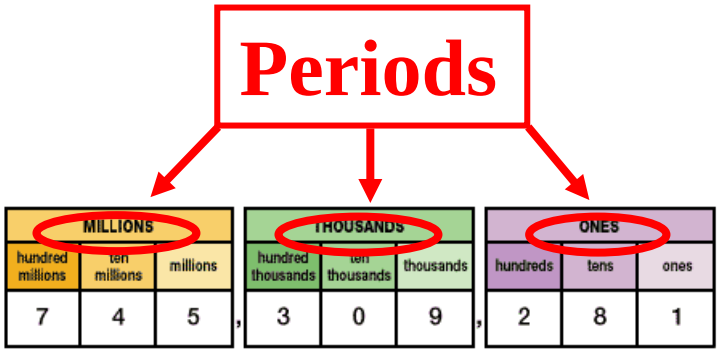
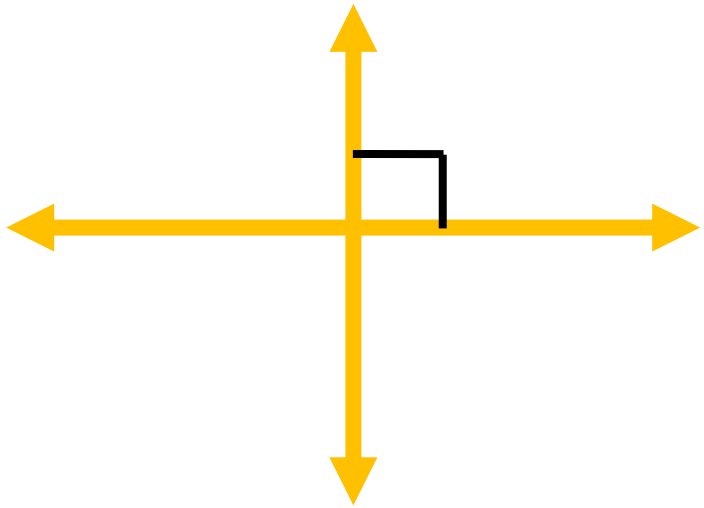


In a large number, periods are groups of 3 digits separated by commas or by spaces.

perpendicular lines

perpendicular lines



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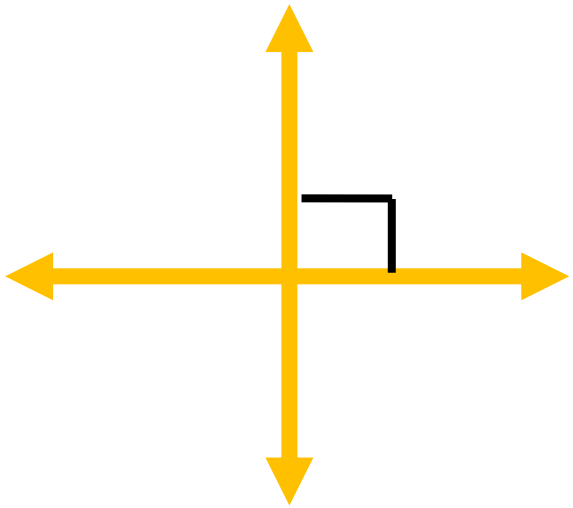

Two intersecting lines that form right angles.

pint (pt)

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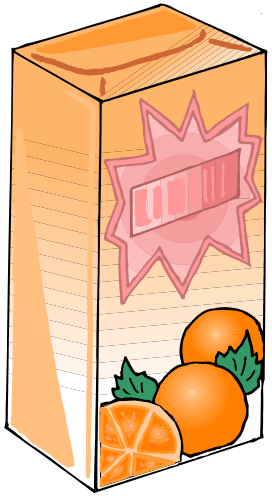
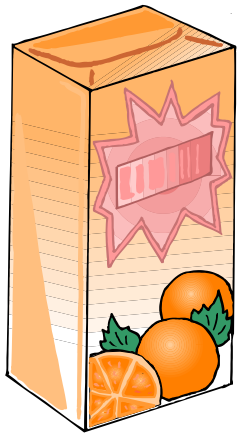


The orange juice carton holds 1 pint.

pint (pt)



The orange juice carton holds 1 pint.

A customary unit of capacity.
1 pint = 2 cups

place value

place value

MILLIONS				THOUSANDS				ONES		
hundred millions	ten millions	millions	,	hundred thousands	ten thousands	thousands	,	hundreds	tens	ones
7	4	5	,	3	0	9	,	2	8	1

place value

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The value of the place of a digit in a number.

plane figure

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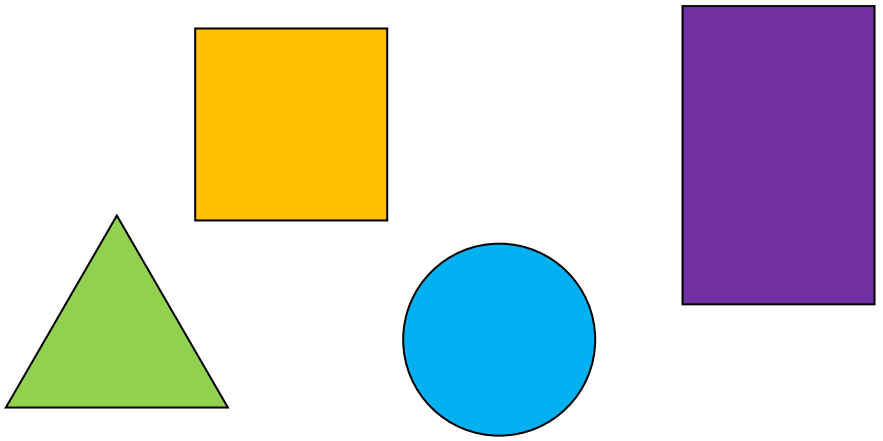

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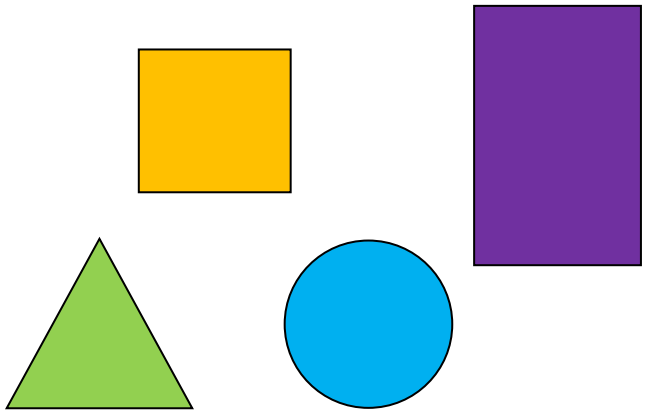
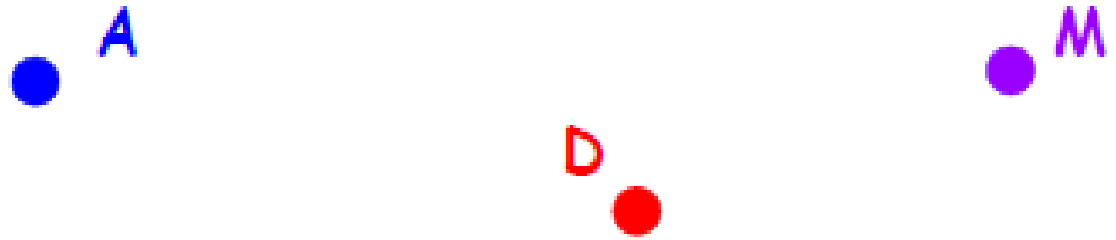


A two-dimensional figure.

point

point

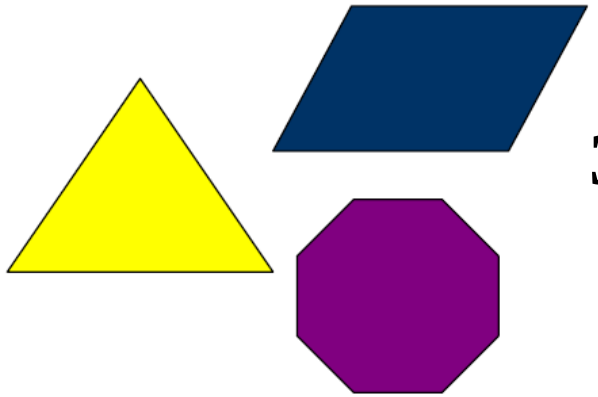


point

The exact location in space represented by a dot.

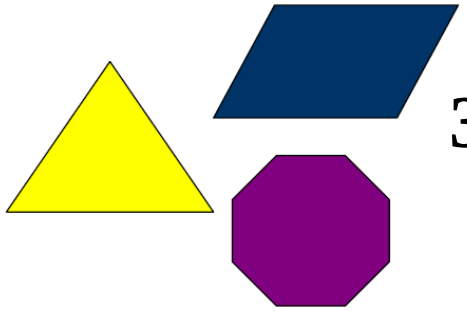
polygon

polygon



3 + sides

polygon



3 + sides

A closed plane figure made by line segments.

pound (lb)

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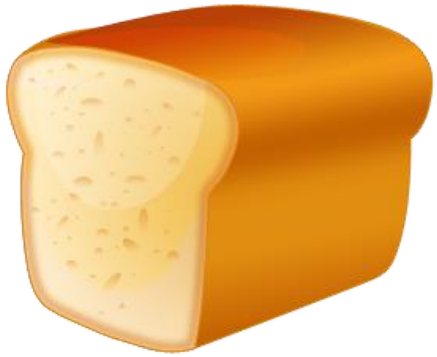

A loaf of bread weighs *about* 1 pound.

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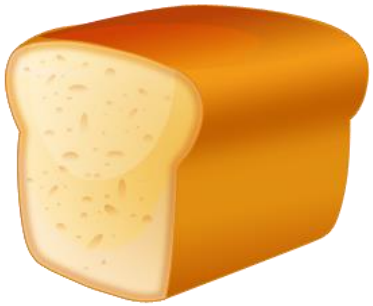

A customary unit
of weight.
1 pound = 16 ounces

A loaf of bread weighs *about* 1 pound.

prime number

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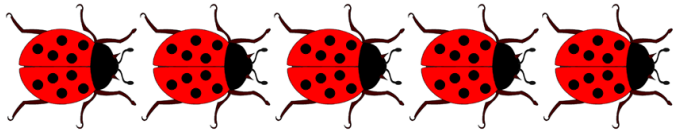

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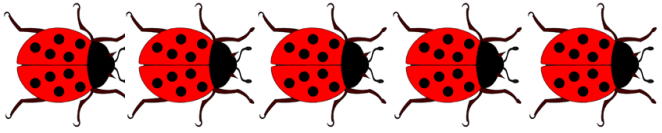

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A whole number greater than 0 that has exactly two different factors, 1 and itself.

product

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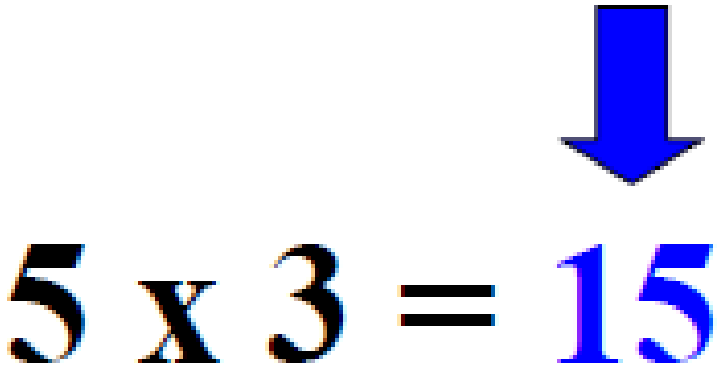

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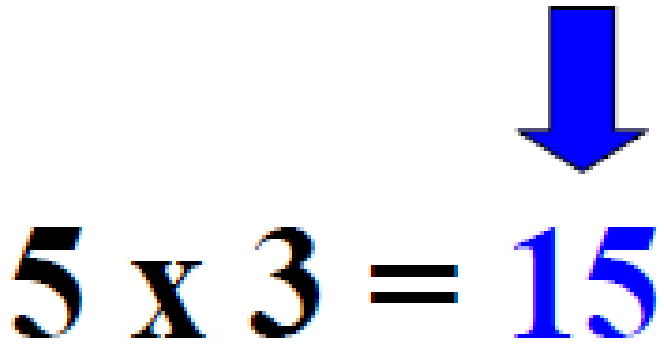

The answer to a multiplication problem.

protractor

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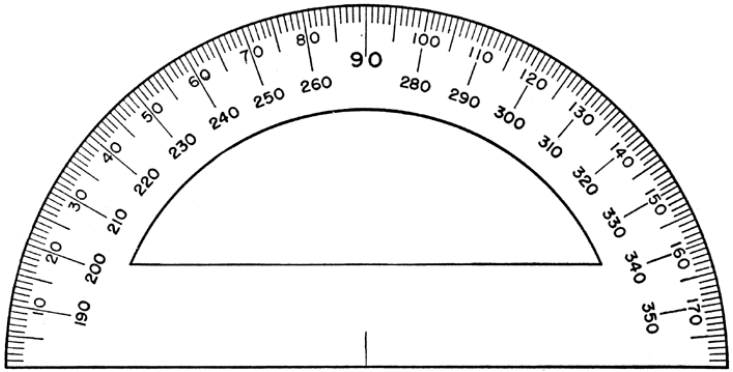

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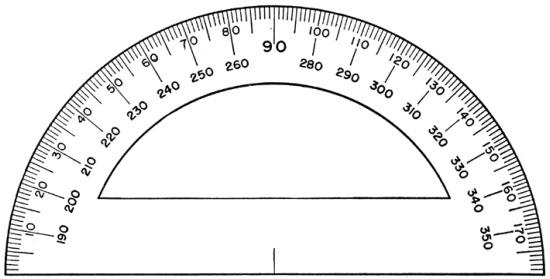

A tool used to measure and draw angles.

quadrilateral

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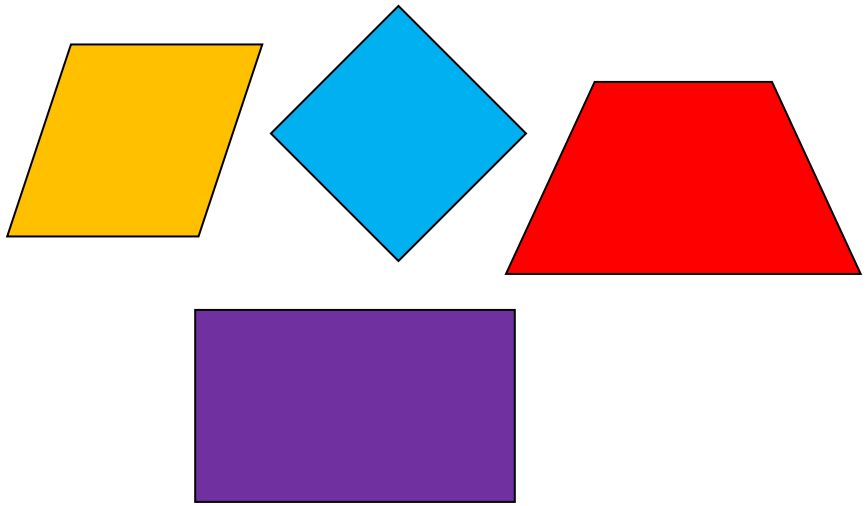

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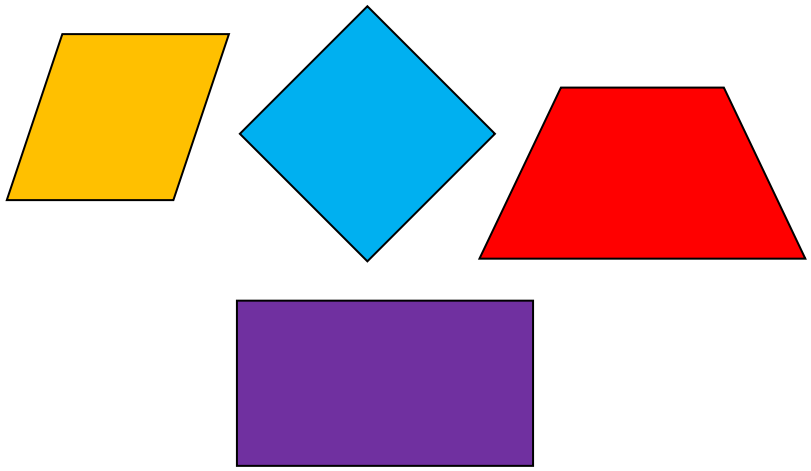

A polygon with four sides.

quart (qt)

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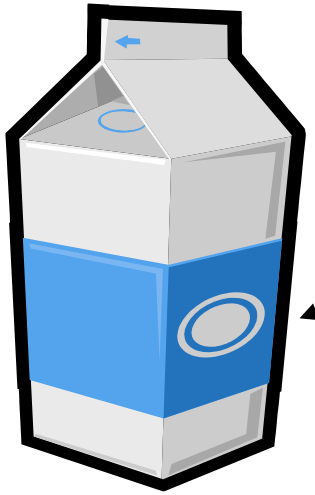

The milk carton holds 1 quart.

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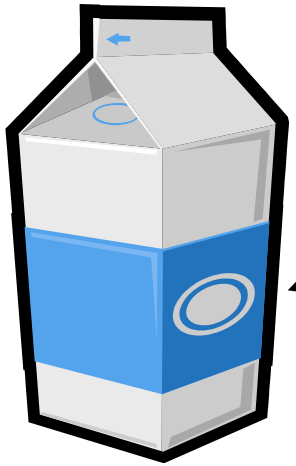

The milk carton holds 1 quart.

A customary unit of capacity.

1 quart = 2 pints
or
1 quart = 4 cups

quotient

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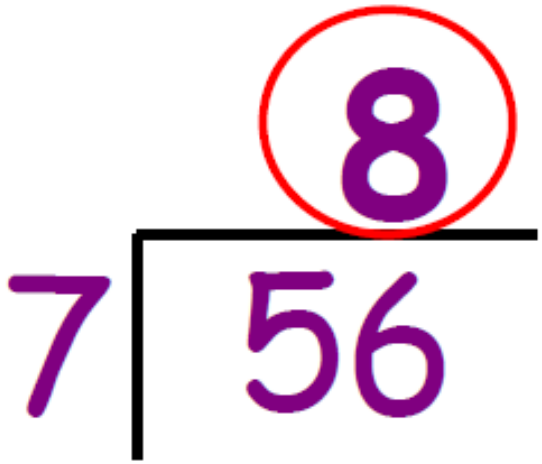

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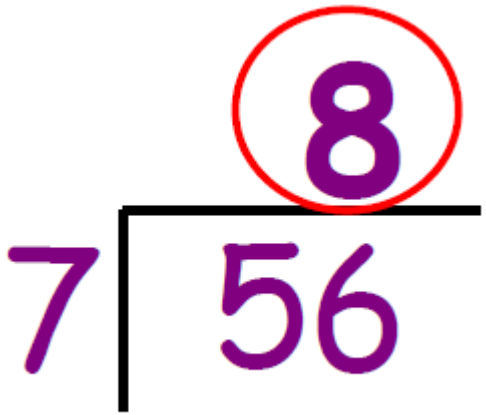

The answer to a division problem.

ray

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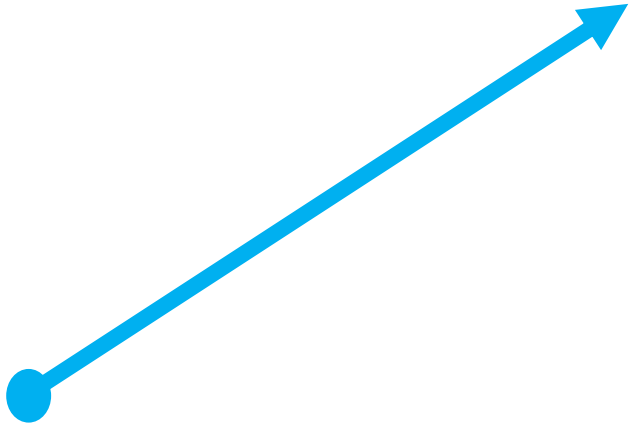

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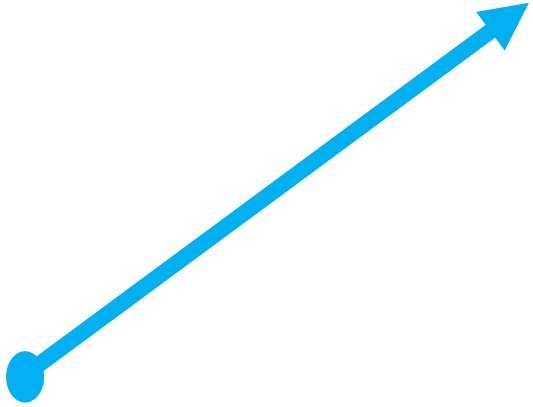

A part of a line that has one endpoint and goes on forever in one direction.

reasonableness

reasonableness

What is the product of 57 and 34?

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B. 3,208 D. 8,698

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An answer that is based on good number sense.

rectangle

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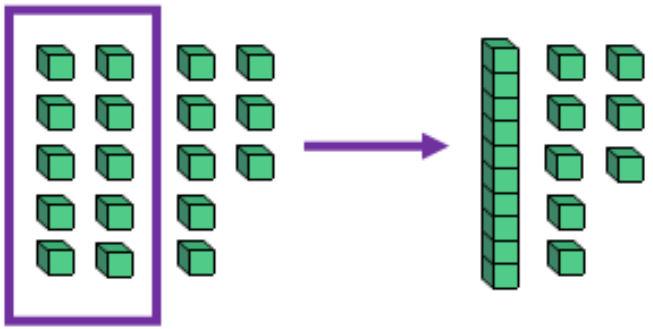
A quadrilateral with two pairs of congruent, parallel sides and four equal angles.

regroup

regroup



Regroup 18 ones as 1 ten and 8 ones.

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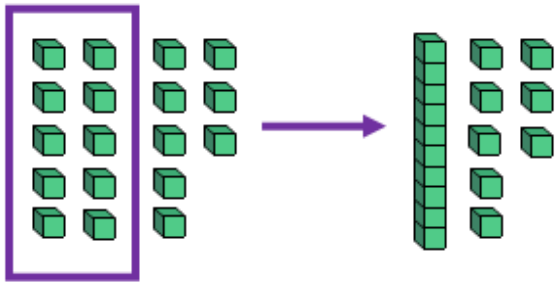

Regroup 18 ones as 1 ten and 8 ones.

To rearrange the formation of a group.

regular polygon

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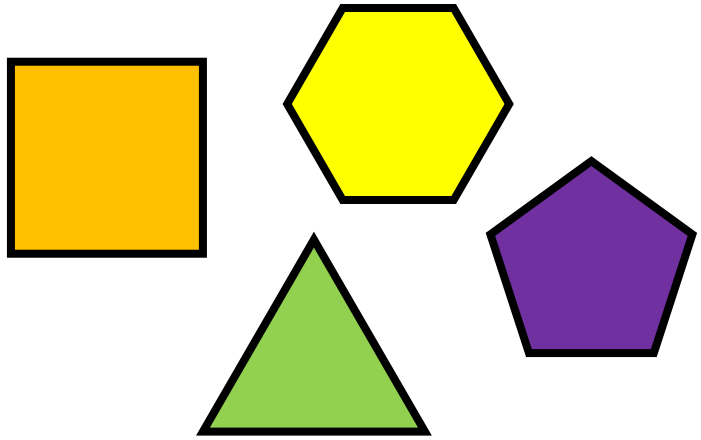

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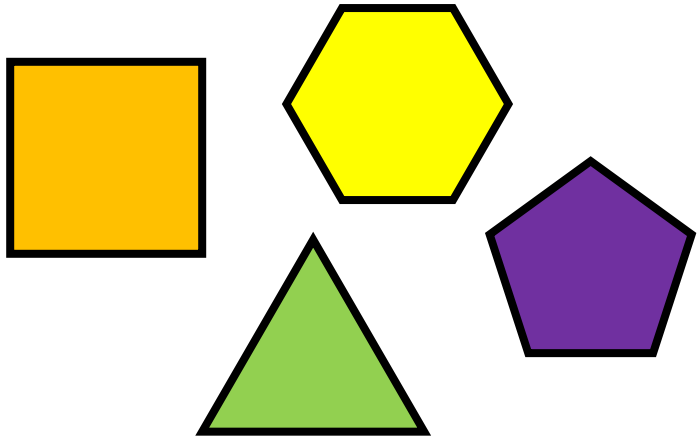

A polygon with all sides the same length and all angles the same measure.

related facts

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Related Facts for 3, 5, 8

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Related addition and subtraction facts or related multiplication and division facts. (also known as fact family)

remainder

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Each chaperone can supervise 5 students.
How many chaperones are needed?**

32 ÷ 5 = 6 r2

7 chaperones are needed.

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remainder

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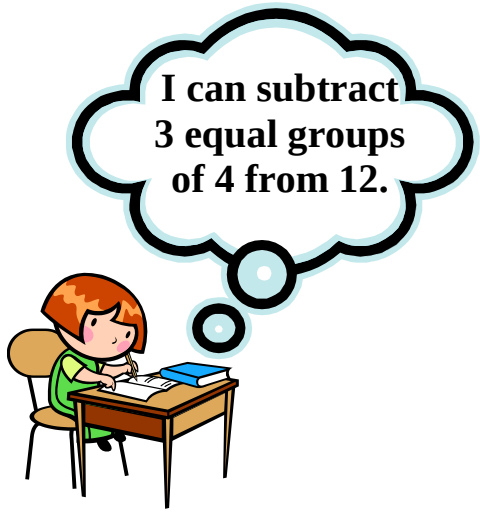
The amount left over when one number is divided by another.

repeated subtraction

repeated subtraction

$12 - 4 = 8$
$8 - 4 = 4$
$4 - 4 = 0$



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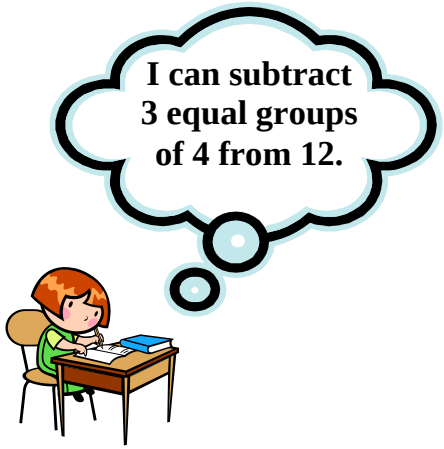

Subtracting equal groups to find the total amount of groups.

rhombus

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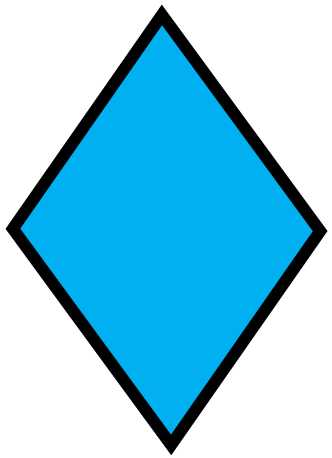

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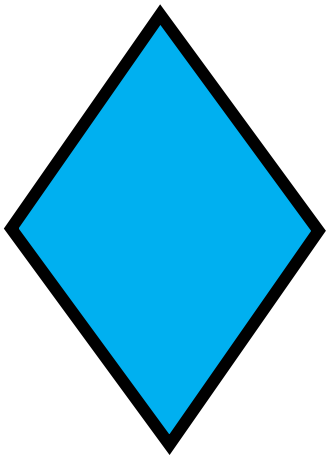

A quadrilateral with
all four sides
equal in length.

right angle

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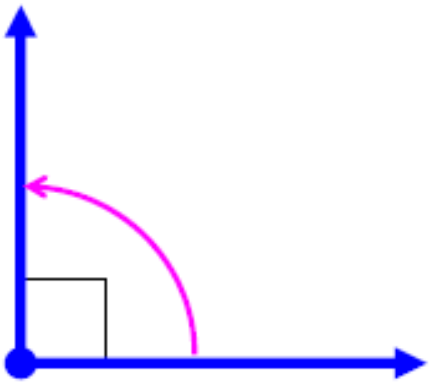
right angle



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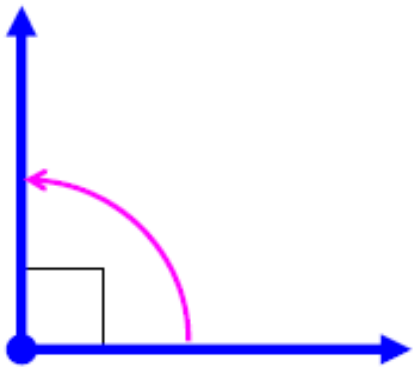
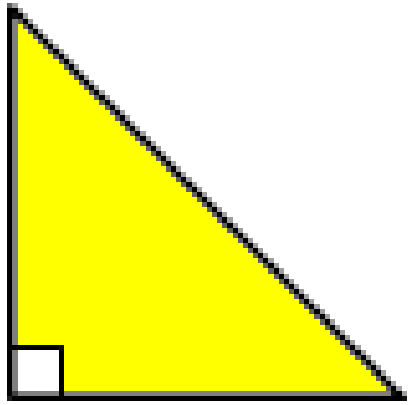
right angle



An angle that measures exactly 90º.

right triangle

right triangle



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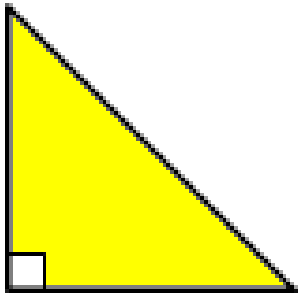


A triangle that has one 90º angle.

round a whole number

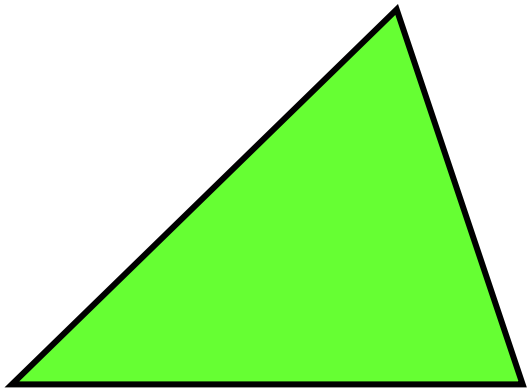
round a whole number

round a whole number

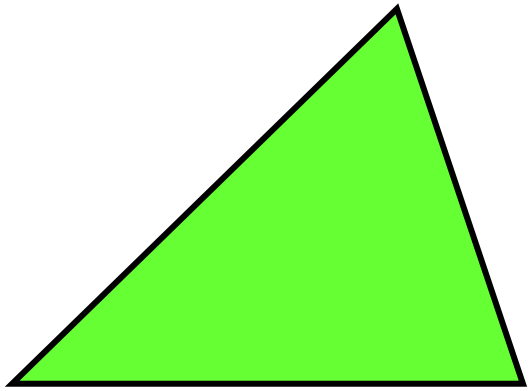
To find the nearest ten, hundred, thousand, (and so on).

scalene triangle

scalene triangle



scalene triangle



A triangle that has no equal sides.

second (sec)

(unit of time)

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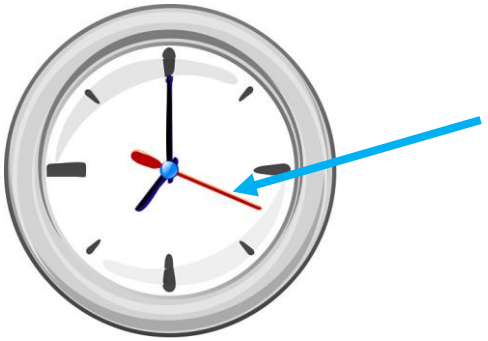

60 seconds = 1 minute

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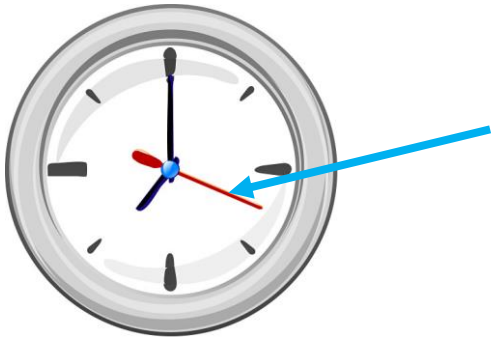

60 seconds = 1 minute

A unit used to measure a very short amount of time; there are 60 seconds in one minute.

sequence

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sequence

2, 5, 8, 11, 14, 17…

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sequence

2, 5, 8, 11, 14, 17…

A set of numbers arranged in a special order or pattern.

simplest form

simplest form

$\frac{4}{8}$ in simplest form is $\frac{1}{2}$.

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When a fraction is expressed with the fewest possible pieces, it is in simplest form. (also known as lowest terms)

simplify

simplify

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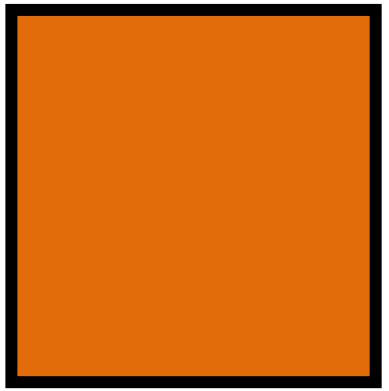
To express a fraction in simplest form.

square

square



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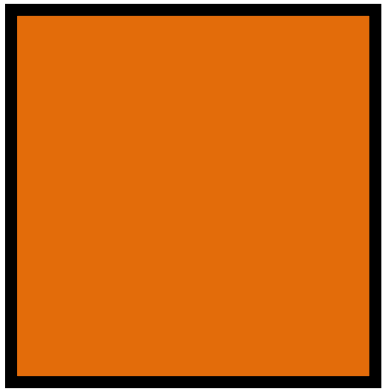
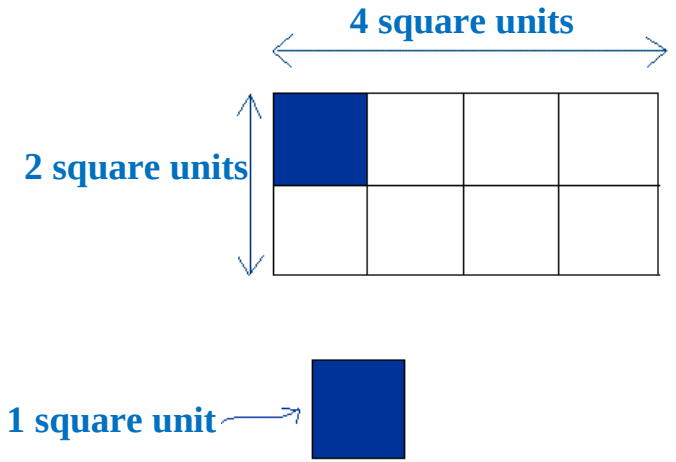


A parallelogram with four equal angles AND four equal sides.

square unit

square unit



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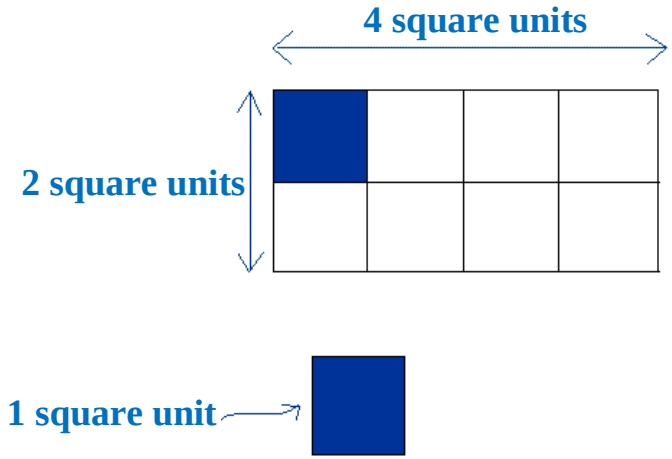

A unit, such as square centimeter or square inch, used to measure area.

standard form

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12,345

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standard form

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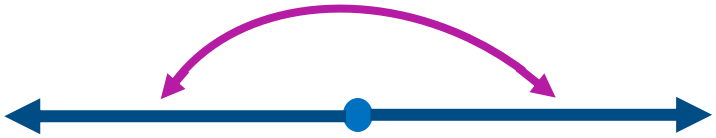
A common or usual way of writing a number using digits. (also known as base-ten numeral form)

straight angle

straight angle



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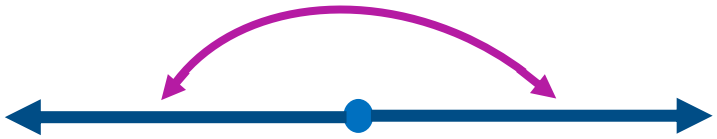
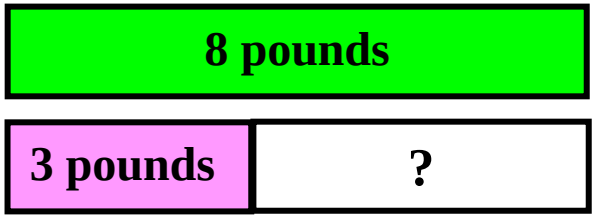
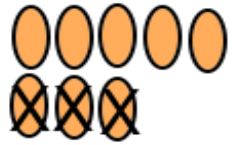


An angle that measures exactly 180º.

subtract

subtract





8 – 3 = 5

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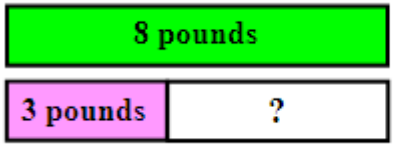
subtract



8 – 3 = 5

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An operation that gives the difference between two numbers. Subtraction can be used to compare two numbers, or to find out how much is left after some is taken away.

sum

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453 + 929 = 1,382

sum

sum

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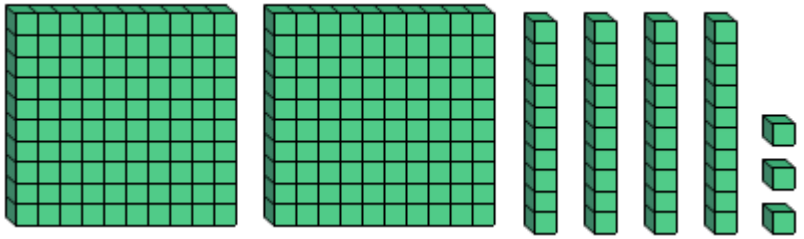
sum

The answer to an addition problem.

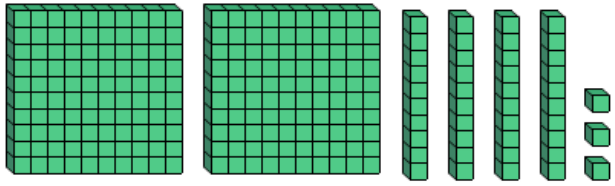
tens

tens



Hundreds	Tens	Ones
2	4	3

tens



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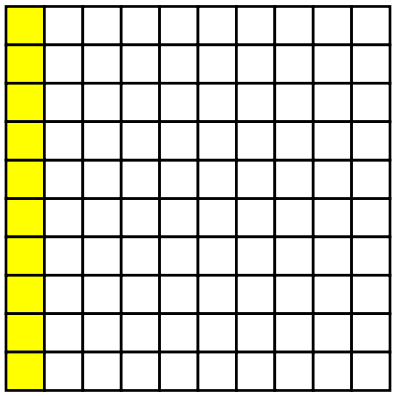
The value of a digit that is the second position from the right when describing whole number place value.

tenth

tenth



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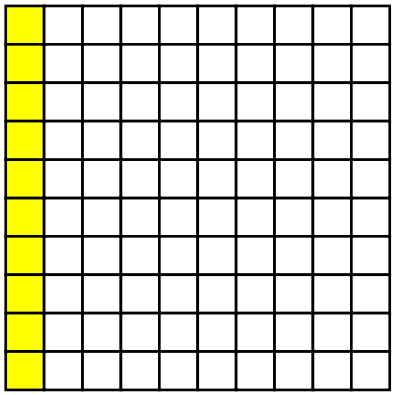

One of the equal parts when a whole is divided into 10 equal parts.

tenths

tenths

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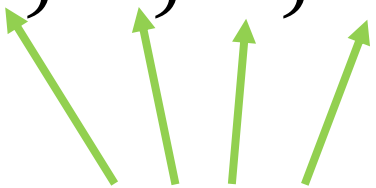
In the decimal numeration, tenths is the name of the place to the right of the decimal point.

term

term

3, 5, 7, 9…



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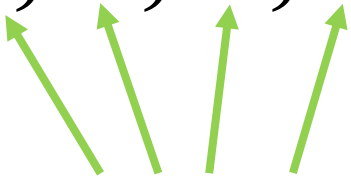
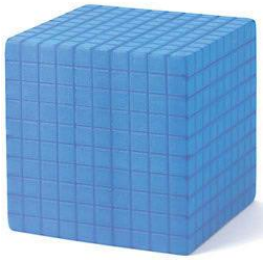


terms

A component of
a sequence.
A term in a sequence
is any number
in that sequence.

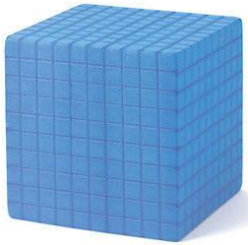
thousands

thousands



Thousands	Hundreds	Tens	Ones
1	0	0	0

thousands



Thousands	Hundreds	Tens	Ones
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The value of a digit that is the fourth position from the right when describing whole number place value.

time interval

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time interval

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time interval

A duration of a segment of time. (also known as elapsed time)

ton (T)

ton (T)

A small car weighs about 1 ton.

ton (T)

A small car weighs about 1 ton.

A customary unit of weight.
1 ton (T) = 2,000 pounds

A metric ton (t) is a unit of mass equal to 1,000 kilograms (about 2,200 pounds).

trapezoid

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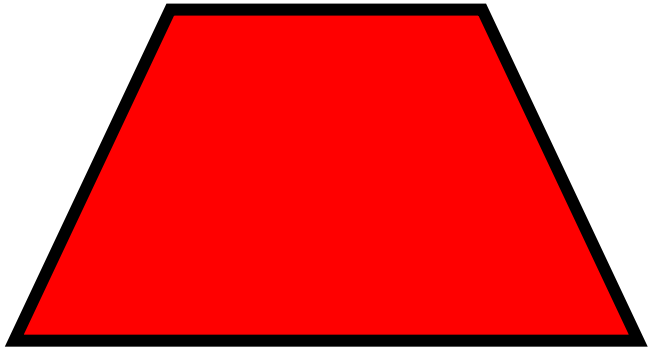
trapezoid



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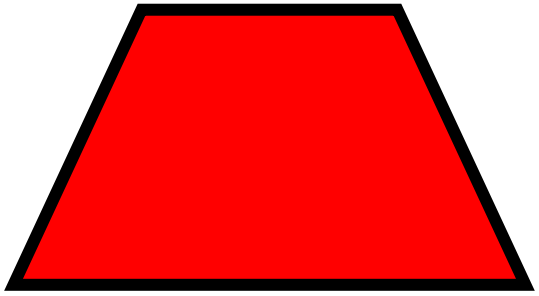
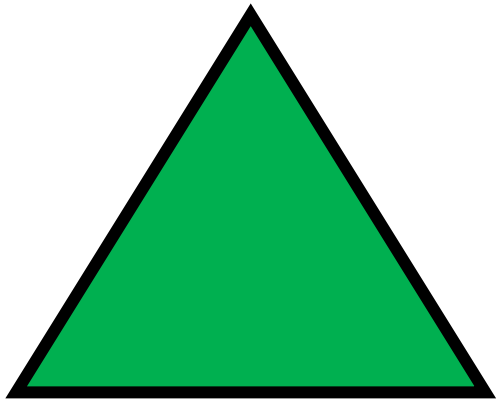


A quadrilateral with
one pair of parallel sides
and one pair of sides
that are not parallel.

triangle

triangle



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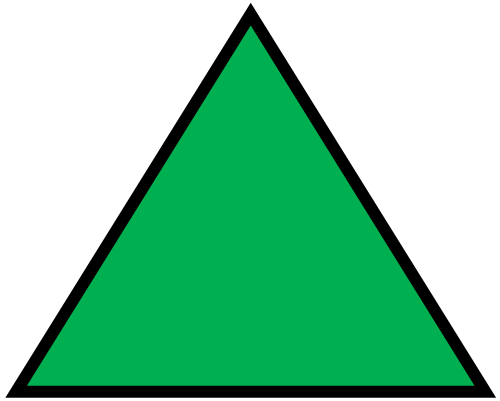

A polygon with three sides and three angles.

two-dimensional

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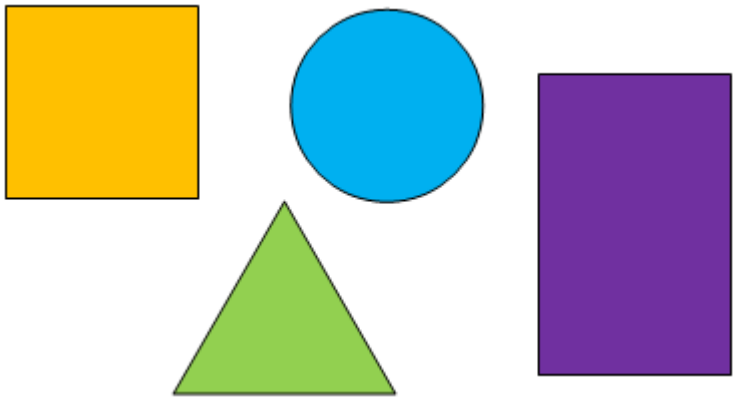

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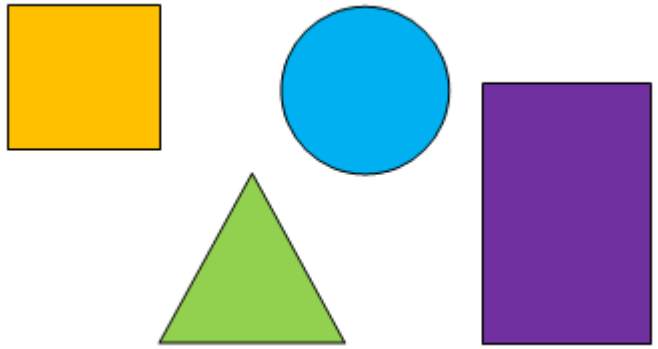

Having length and width. Having area, but not volume. (also known as a plane figure)

unit fraction

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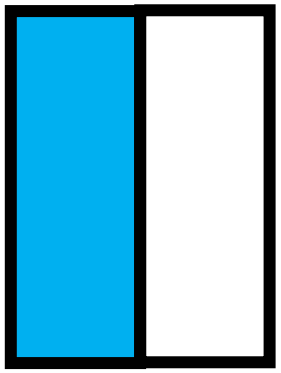
unit fraction

$\frac{1}{2}$



Example

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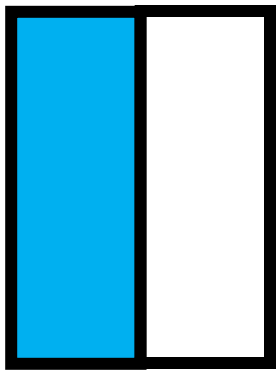
unit fraction

$\frac{1}{2}$



Example

A fraction that has 1 as its numerator. A unit fraction names 1 equal part of a whole.

unlike denominators

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$\frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{5}$

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Denominators that are not equal.

unlike numerators

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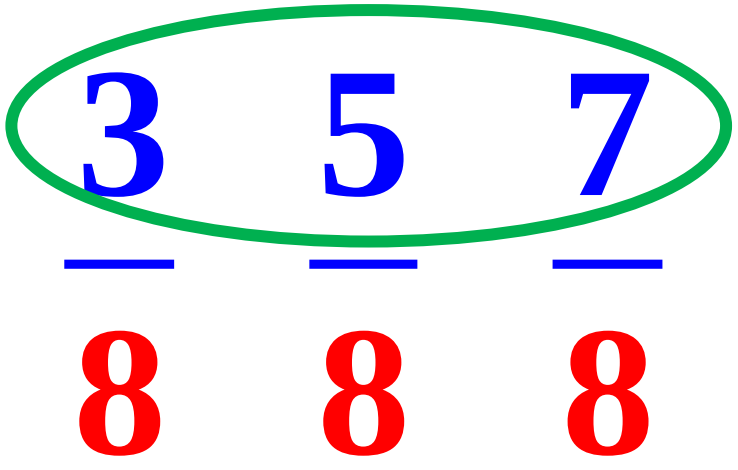

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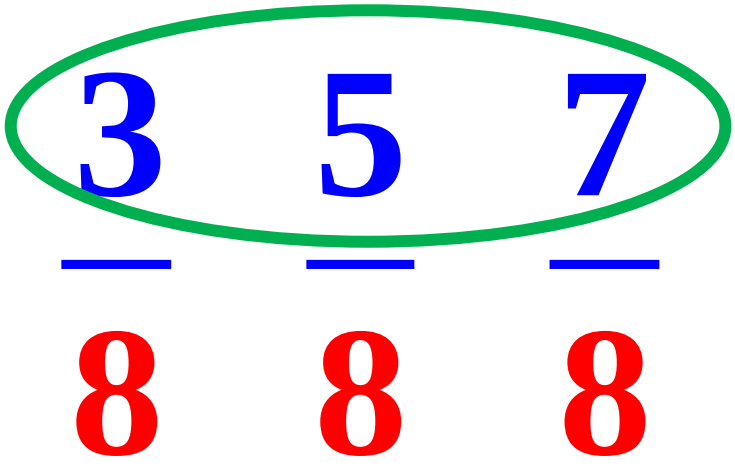

Numerators that are not equal.

variable

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variable

$5 \times b = 10$

b **is a variable worth 2.**

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A letter or symbol that represents a number.

Venn diagram

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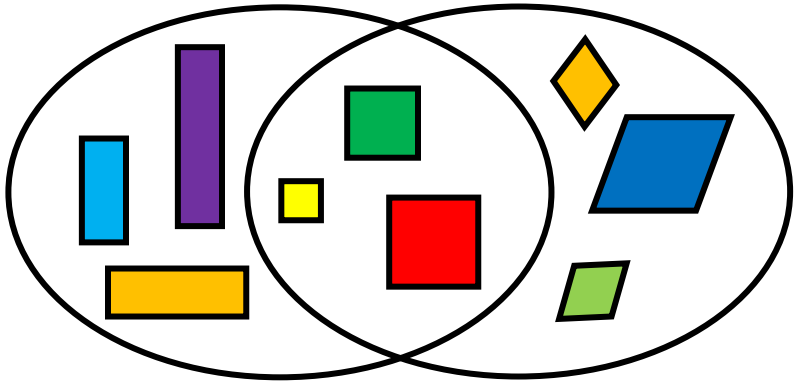
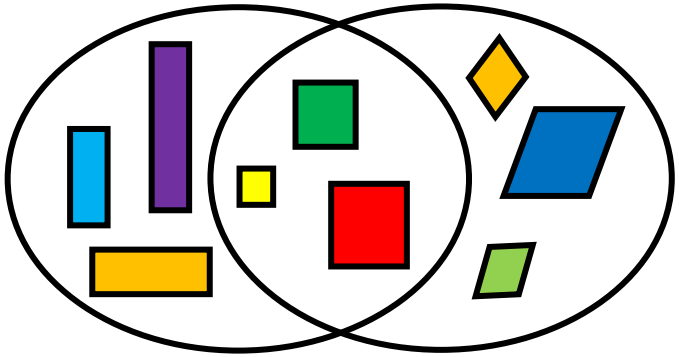


Rectangles **Rhombuses**

Venn diagram

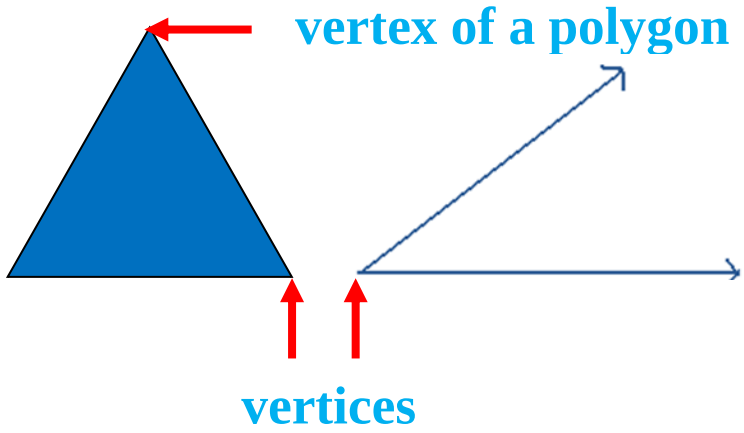


Rectangles **Rhombuses**

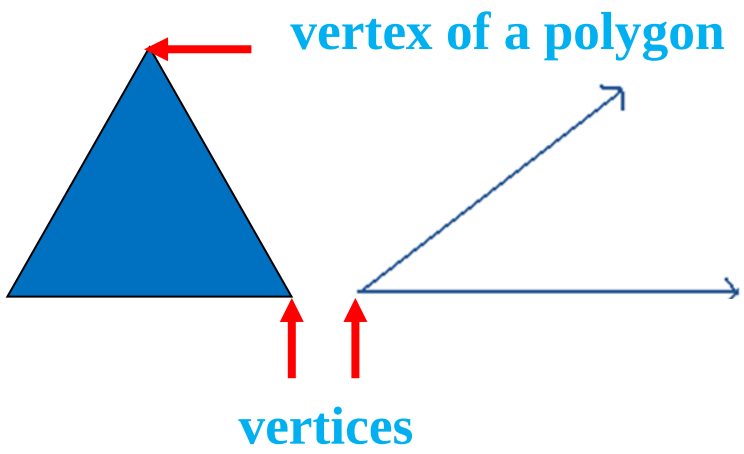
A drawing with circles or rings to show how sets of objects are related.

vertex

vertex



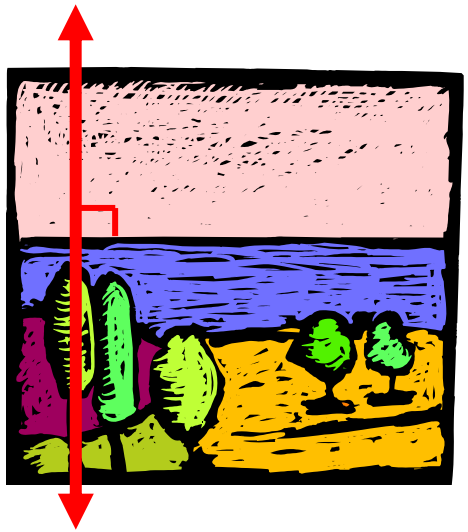
vertex



The point at which two line segments, lines, or rays meet to form an angle. (plural - vertices)

vertical

vertical



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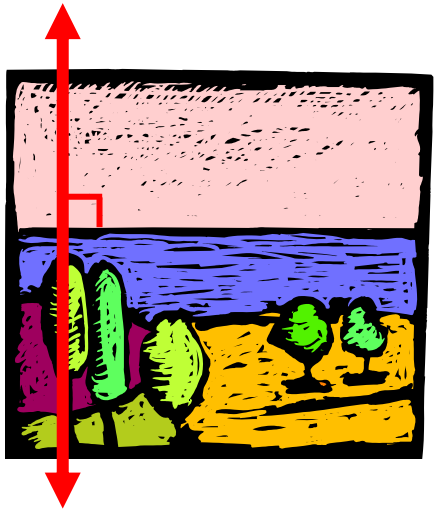

Perpendicular to the horizon. Vertical lines go up and down.

volume (liquid)

volume
(liquid)

liquid volume

volume
(liquid)

liquid volume

The number of cubic units it takes to fill a figure.

week

week

September						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

7 days = 1 week

week

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7 days = 1 week

There are seven days in a week: Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

weight

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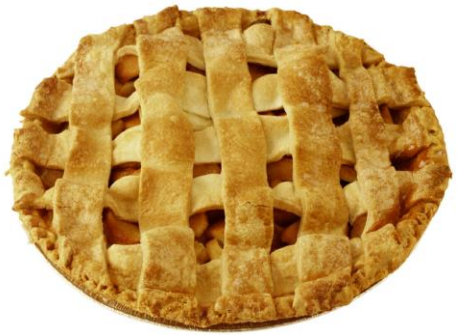
The measure of how heavy something is.

whole

whole



1 whole pie

1 whole rectangle

whole

1 whole pie

1 whole rectangle

All of an object,
a group of objects,
shape, or quantity.

whole numbers

whole numbers

whole numbers

Whole numbers are 0 and the counting numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and so on.

width (*w*)

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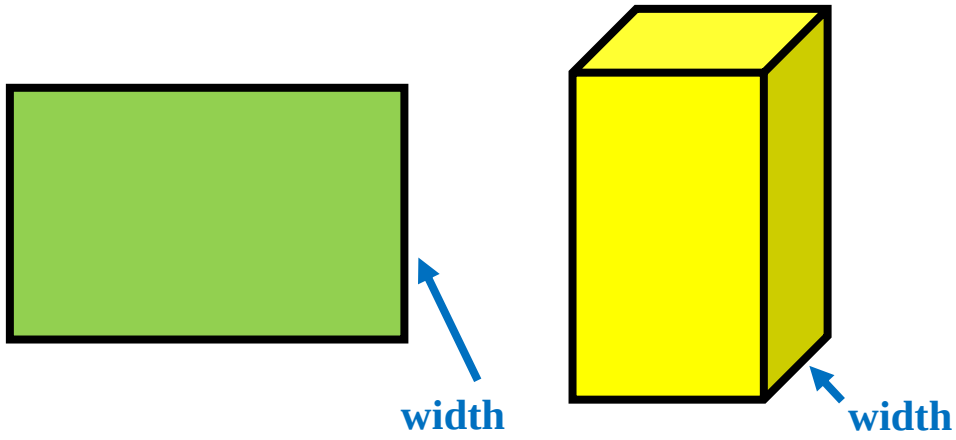

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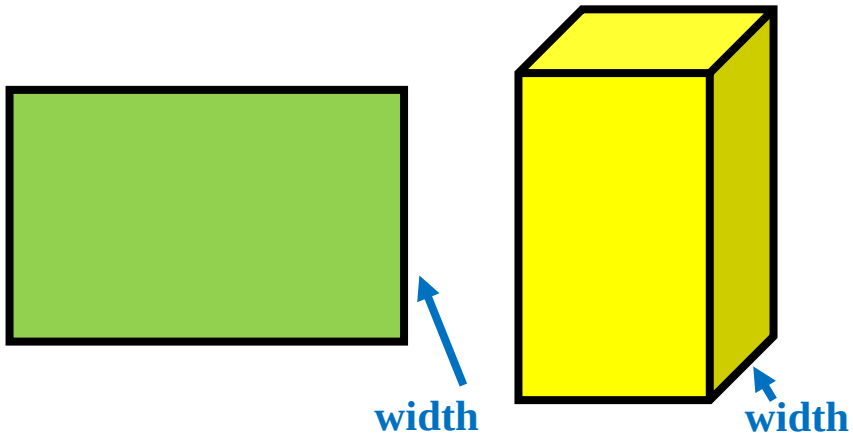

One dimension of a 2-dimensional or 3-dimensional figure.

word form

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The word form of 12,345 is twelve thousand, three hundred forty-five.

word form

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A way of using words to write a number.

yard (yd)

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A door is *about* 1 yard wide.

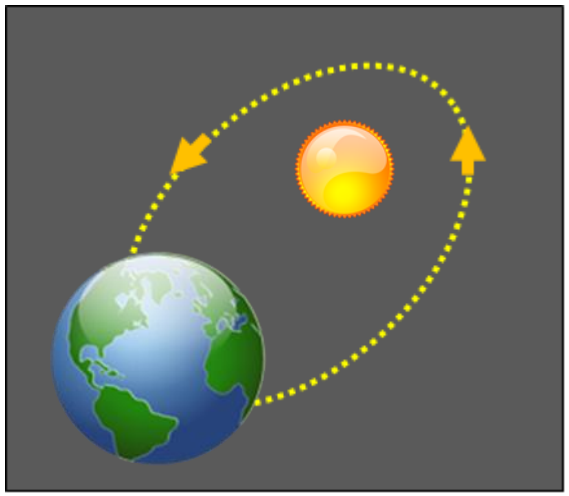
yard (yd)

A door is *about* 1 yard wide.

A customary unit of length.
1 yard = 3 feet or 36 inches

year

year



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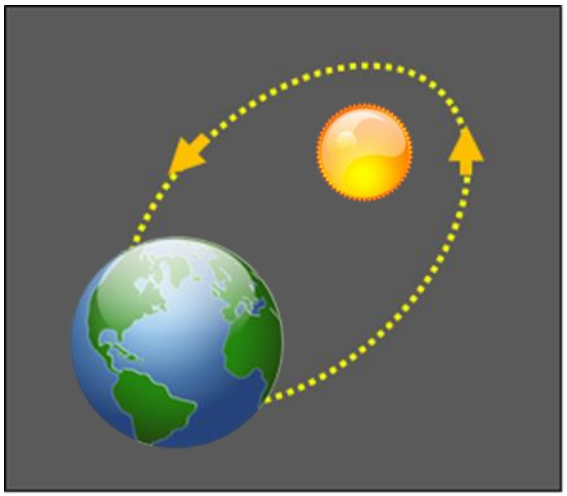

The length of time it takes
the Earth to revolve
around the sun.
12 months = 1year
365 days = 1 year
366 days = 1 leap year

Zero Property of Multiplication

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8 x 0 = 0

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8 x 0 = 0

The product of any number and zero is zero.