

1 Speed Round Solutions

1. **Problem:** Benny bought 3 packs of stickers, each with x stickers. He already has 7 stickers. If he now has 25 stickers, solve for x .

- **Solution:** $3x + 7 = 25 \rightarrow 3x = 18 \rightarrow x = 6$.

- **Answer:** 6

2. **Problem:** Benny is simplifying his candy collection: $5(2x - 3) - 4(x + 1)$. What does he get in terms of x ?

- **Solution:** $5(2x - 3) - 4(x + 1) = (10x - 15) - (4x + 4) = 10x - 15 - 4x - 4 = 6x - 19$.

- **Answer:** $6x - 19$

3. **Problem:** Benny is drawing a triangle with base 8 cm and height 5 cm. In cm^2 , what is the area of his triangle?

- **Solution:** $A = \frac{1}{2}bh = \frac{1}{2}(8)(5) = 4 \times 5 = 20$.

- **Answer:** 20 cm^2

4. **Problem:** Solve for y : $2y - 3 = 7$

- **Solution:** $2y - 3 = 7 \rightarrow 2y = 10 \rightarrow y = 5$.

- **Answer:** 5

5. **Problem:** Benny, Jenny, Lenny, Kenny, and Denny have 6, 3, 17, 8, and 11 marbles respectively. How many marbles do they have, on average?

- **Solution:** Average = $\frac{6+3+17+8+11}{5} = \frac{45}{5} = 9$.

- **Answer:** 9

6. **Problem:** If Benny's train travels 60 miles in 1.5 hours, what is his train's average speed?

- **Solution:** Speed = $\frac{\text{Distance}}{\text{Time}} = \frac{60 \text{ miles}}{1.5 \text{ hours}} = 40 \text{ mph}$.

- **Answer:** 40 mph

7. **Problem:** Factor $x^2 + 2x + 1$ completely.

- **Solution:** This is simply $(x + 1)^2$.

- **Answer:** $(x + 1)^2$ or $(x + 1)(x + 1)$

8. **Problem:** If Benny's favorite rectangle has a perimeter of 24 cm and a length of 7 cm, what is its area?

- **Solution:** Perimeter is $2(\text{Length} + \text{Width})$. Since the length is 7, and the perimeter is 24, we get the width to be $\frac{24-2(7)}{2} = 5$. $5 * 7 = 35\text{cm}^2$.

- **Answer:** 35 cm^2

9. **Problem:** Write 0.625625 as a fraction in simplest form.

- **Solution:** $0.625625 = \frac{625625}{1000000}$. Divide the numerator and denominator by 625.
 $\frac{625625 \div 625}{1000000 \div 625} = \frac{1001}{1600}$.

- **Answer:** $\frac{1001}{1600}$

10. **Problem:** Benny needs to solve for x : $x^2 = 289$. Please help him do so.

- **Solution:** $x = \pm\sqrt{289}$.

- **Answer:** 17 or -17 (or ± 17)

11. **Problem:** A bag of Benny's favorite chips contains 8 red, 15 blue, and 17 green chips. What is the probability he picks a red chip first?

- **Solution:** Total = $8 + 15 + 17 = 40$. $P(\text{Red}) = \frac{\text{Red}}{\text{Total}} = \frac{8}{40} = \frac{1}{5}$.

- **Answer:** $\frac{1}{5}$

12. **Problem:** Benny is in a hotel in Paris and doesn't know what temperature to put the AC at. Convert $70^\circ F$ to Celsius using $C = \frac{5}{9}(F - 32)$.

- **Solution:** $C = \frac{5}{9}(70 - 32) = \frac{5}{9}(38) = \frac{190}{9}$.

- **Answer:** $\frac{190}{9}^\circ \text{C}$ (or $21\frac{1}{9}^\circ \text{C}$)

13. **Problem:** Benny has an allowance of \$2. If he spends 12.5% of his money on a candy bar, how much, in cents did the candy cost?

- **Solution:** $\$2 = 200 \text{ cents}$. $12.5\% = \frac{1}{8}$. Cost = $200 \times \frac{1}{8} = 25 \text{ cents}$.

- **Answer:** 25 cents

14. **Problem:** The sum of Benny's favorite two consecutive integers is 89. What is their product?

- **Solution:** $n + (n + 1) = 89 \rightarrow 2n + 1 = 89 \rightarrow 2n = 88 \rightarrow n = 44$. The integers are 44 and 45. Product = $44 \times 45 = 1980$.

- **Answer:** 1980

15. **Problem:** Solve for x : $5(x - 2) = 3x + 4$

- **Solution:** $5x - 10 = 3x + 4 \rightarrow 5x - 3x = 4 + 10 \rightarrow 2x = 14 \rightarrow x = 7$.

- **Answer:** 7

16. **Problem:** Benny buys pencils in packs of 6. He needs 48 pencils. How many packs does he need?

- **Solution:** $\frac{48 \text{ pencils}}{6 \text{ pencils/pack}} = 8 \text{ packs}$.

- **Answer:** 8 packs
17. **Problem:** Write the first 4 multiples of 23.
- **Solution:** $23 \times 1 = 23$; $23 \times 2 = 46$; $23 \times 3 = 69$; $23 \times 4 = 92$.
 - **Answer:** 23, 46, 69, 92
18. **Problem:** The angles of a triangle in Benny's newest drawing are in the ratio 2:3:4. What is the smallest angle?
- **Solution:** Let angles be $2x, 3x, 4x$. $2x + 3x + 4x = 180^\circ \rightarrow 9x = 180^\circ \rightarrow x = 20^\circ$.
The smallest angle is $2x = 2(20^\circ) = 40^\circ$.
 - **Answer:** 40°
19. **Problem:** A circle has a radius of 7 cm. What is its circumference? (Use $\pi \approx 3.14$.)
- **Solution:** $C = 2\pi r \approx 2(3.14)(7) = 14(3.14) = 43.96$ cm.
 - **Answer:** 43.96 cm
20. **Problem:** Benny buys 3 notebooks at \$3 each and 2 pens for \$14 total. How much is each pen?
- **Solution:** The key implies \$14 is the grand total. Cost of notebooks = $3 \times \$3 = \9 . Cost of 2 pens = Total – Notebooks = $\$14 - \$9 = \$5$. Cost per pen = $\frac{\$5}{2} = \2.50 .
 - **Answer:** \$2.50