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3
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0
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10
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4
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EQUAL GROUPS
Directions: For the equation below, drag the pictures to create equal groups. Write the unknown number.
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k = 7
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1 3 x m = 24 m = 8
2 14 ÷ k = 2 k = 7
3 28 ÷ r = 7 r = ____
4 b x 6 = 30 b = ____
6
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Directions: Solve for t
find the correspondin
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a b c
6 27 2
n o p
9 10 72
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SECRET WORD #2
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Directions: Use fact families to determine the unknown numbers in the equations below.
7
3
21
3 x 7 = ___
7 x ___ = 21
21 ÷ ___ = 7
21 ÷ 7 = ___
3
10
30
3 x 10 = ___
10 x ___ = 30
___ ÷ 10 = 3
30 ÷ 3 = ___
UNKNOWN NUMBERS
break the code
Directions: Solve for the unknown numbers in the equations below. For each missing number, find the corresponding letter in the key and write it in the magnifying glass to uncover the secret words.
a b c d e f g h i j k
6 27 2 0 5 15 4 42 35 12
n o p q r s t
9 10 72 66 9 36 7
SECRET WORD #1
14 ÷ 2 = 7
6 x 4 = 24
SECRET WORD #2
9 x 3 = ___
___ x 8 = 64
66 ÷ ___
SECRET WORD #3
___ ÷ 3 = 12
7 x ___ = 49
42 ÷ ___ = 7
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story problems
Directions: For each story problem below, write the specific unknown number. Then, solve for the unknown number.
1 Write a division equation that represents the story pr
Mark is sorting pebbles at the beach. He sorts the pebbl
there are 8 pebbles in each group. How many pebbles are
p = 7x8
7x8 = 56
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At the grocery story, there are 60 boxes of cereal divided evenly
shelves. How many cereal boxes are on each shelf?
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81
0
48
36
10
___ x 4 = 12


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20 ÷ ? = 5
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STRIP DIAGRAMS
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m x 4 = 28
m =
28
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12
81
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0
7
36
48


FISH IN THE BOWL
Directions: Solve for the unknown number in the equations below. Then, find the fish with the matching number for your answer and drag it into the fishbowl.
1 ☐ x 4 = 12
2 2 x ☐ = 20
3 ☐ ÷ 6 = 6
4 18 ÷ ☐ = 9
5 9 x 9 = ☐
6 ☐ x 3 = 24
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I can make 5 rows of 8.
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18 ÷ 6 = ☐
2 x ☐ = 10
a b c d e f g h i j k l m
6 27 2 0 5 15 4 42 35 12 3 8 6
n o p q r s t u v w x y z
9 10 72 66 9 36 7 11 121 24 16 1 54
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b = ___
6
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a b c d e f g
6 27 2 0 5 15
n o p q r s
9 10 72 66 9
14 ÷ 2 = 7
PUZZLE
Directions: Drag the squares to assemble the puzzle by matching the equations along the edges with their corresponding unknown numbers. The outside edges of the puzzle will remain blank. HINT: Nine looks like 9, while six looks like 6. Do not rotate the squares.
10
7
0
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Arrays
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I can make 6 rows of 6. The unknown number is 6.
40 ÷ ? = 8 → How many rows of 8 can I make from 40?
I can make 5 rows of 8. The unknown number is 5.
Number Line
5 x ? = 15 → How many hops of 5 can I make to get to 15?
0 5 10 15 20
I can make 3 hops of 5. The unknown number is 3.
24 ÷ ? = 8 → How many backwards hops of 8 can I make starting at 24?
0 8 16 24 32
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amount in each
10 5 x ___ = 40

What is an UNKNOWN NUMBER?

An **UNKNOWN NUMBER** is any number in an equation that is **MISSING**

multiplication

___ x 5 = 25
↑ unknown factor

8 x ___ = 16
↑ unknown factor

6 x 4 = ___
↑ unknown product

division

___ ÷ 7 = 3
↑ unknown dividend

36 ÷ ___ = 4
↑ unknown divisor

60 ÷ 5 = ___
↑ unknown quotient

In an equation, an **UNKNOWN NUMBER** can be represented by a:

Blank space

___ x 8 = 64

30 ÷ ___ = 5

Letter

6 x *n* = 48

11 ÷ 3 = *y*

Symbol

8 x ? = 48

△ ÷ 4 = 4

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equal groups

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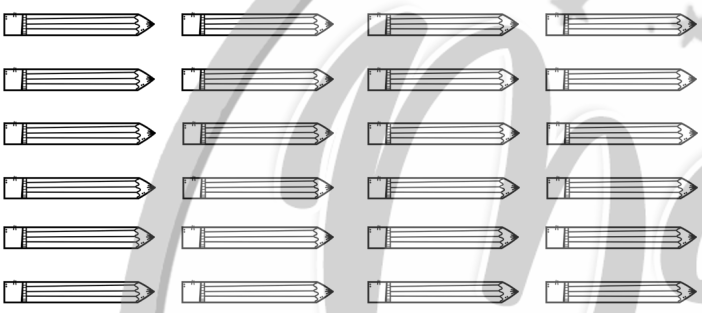
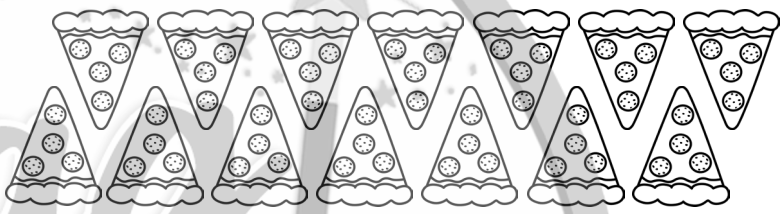
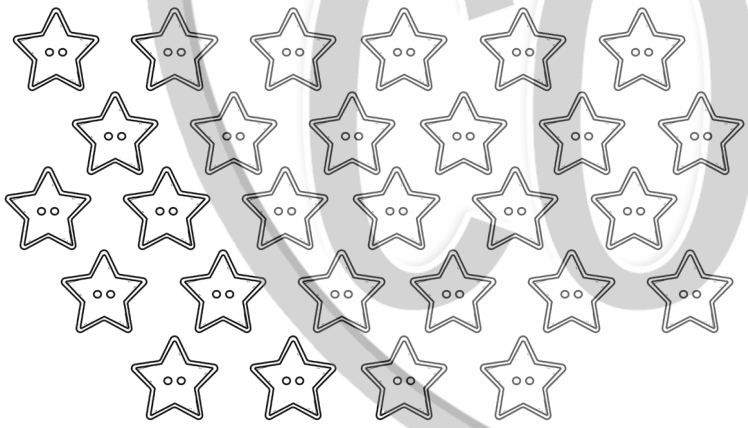


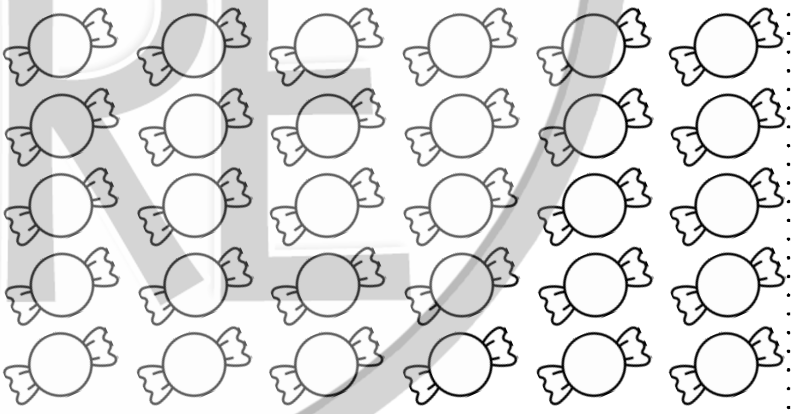
2 $14 \div k = 2$ $k =$ ____



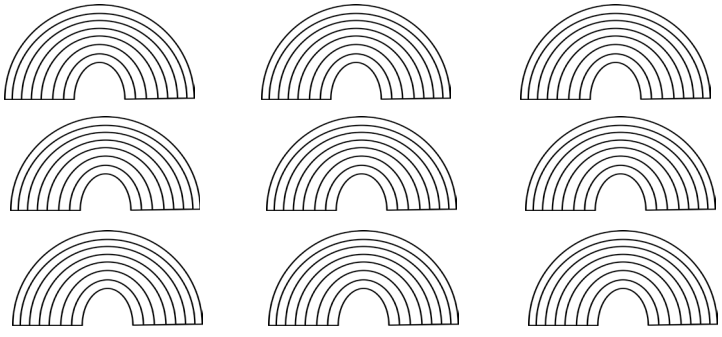
3 $28 \div r = 7$ $r =$ ____



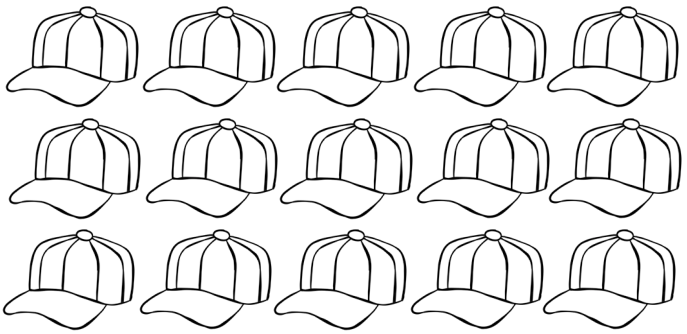
4 $b \times 6 = 30$ $b =$ ____



5 $3 \times e = 9$ $e =$ ____



6 $15 \div w = 3$ $w =$ ____



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arrays

Directions: For the equations with unknown numbers below, draw an array to find the missing number. Write the unknown number in the space.

1. 25 ÷ ___ = 5

2. 4 x ___ = 36

3. ___ x 10 = 20

4. 6 x ___ = 42

5. ___ ÷ 7 = 3

6. 32 ÷ ___ = 4

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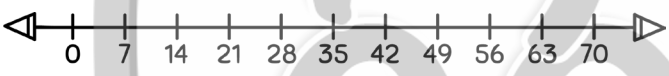
number line hops

Directions: For the equations with unknown numbers below, use the number line to determine the unknown number.

35 ÷ ? = 7

I can jump backwards by seven 5 times. The missing number is 5

1 28 ÷ ___ = 7



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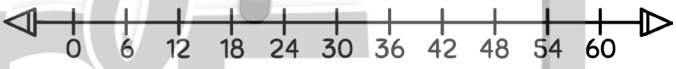
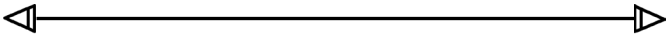


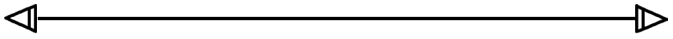
3 ___ x 4 = 20

4 7 x ___ = 49

5 ___ ÷ 3 = 9



6 36 ÷ ___ = 6



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repeated addition & subtraction

Directions: For the equations with unknown numbers below, use repeated addition or subtraction to find the unknown number.

1. 42 ÷ ___ = 7

2. 8 x ___ = 16

3. ___ x 10 = 30

4. 7 x ___ = 49

5. ___ ÷ 3 = 8

6. 36 ÷ ___ = 12

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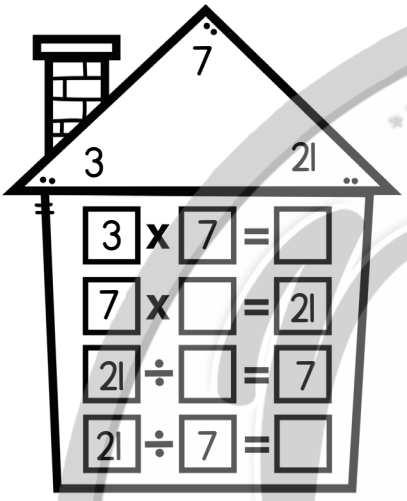
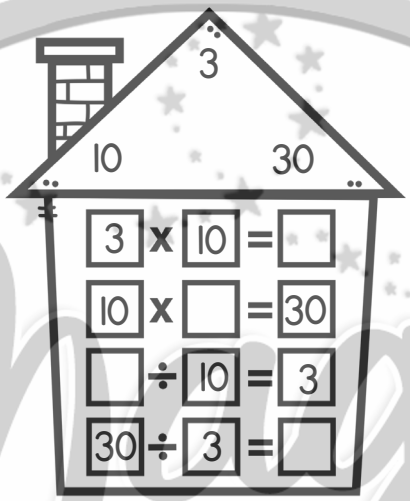
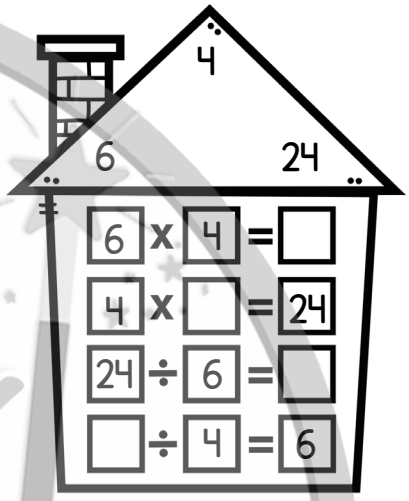
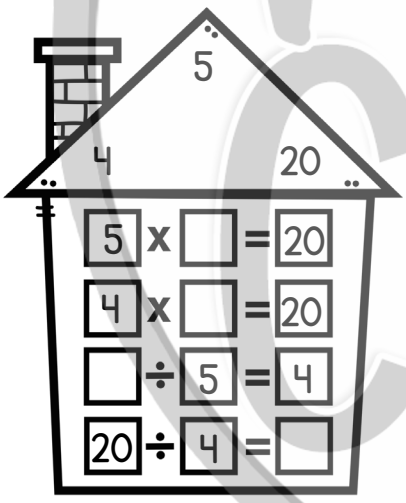
fact families

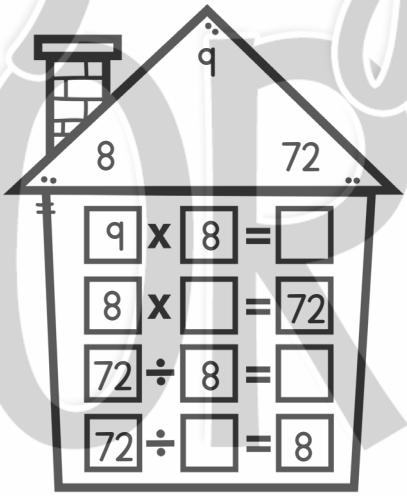
Directions: Use fact families to find the unknown numbers in the equations below.

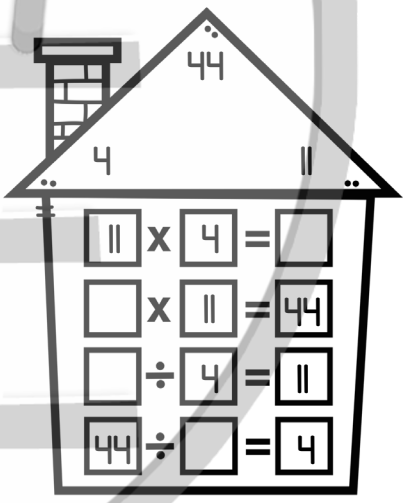


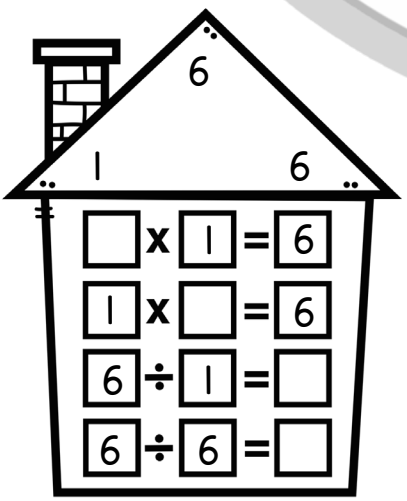


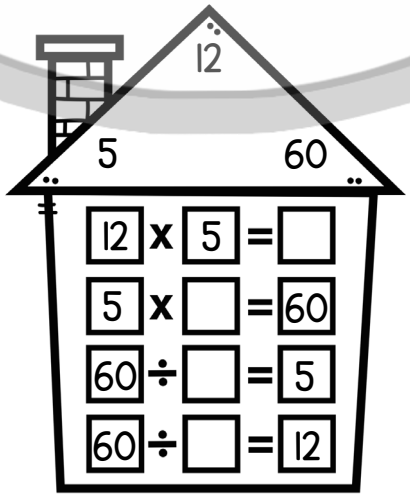


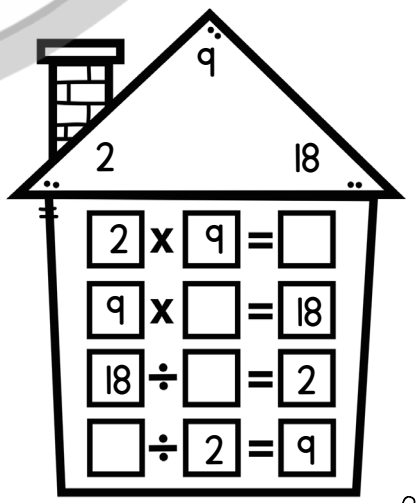












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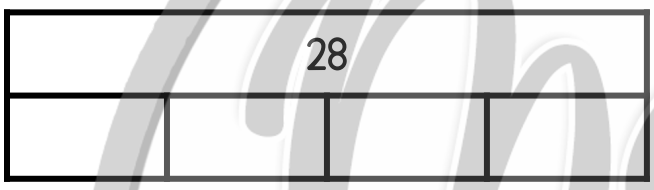
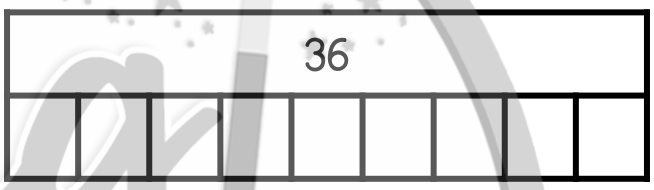
strip diagrams

Directions: For the equations with unknown numbers below, use the strip diagrams to solve for the unknown number.

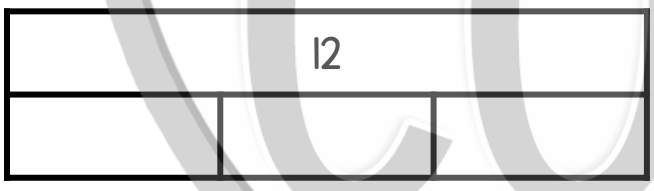
1 $m \times 4 = 28$ $m =$ ____



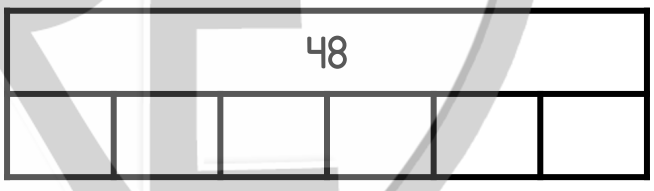
2 $36 \div a = 9$ $a =$ ____



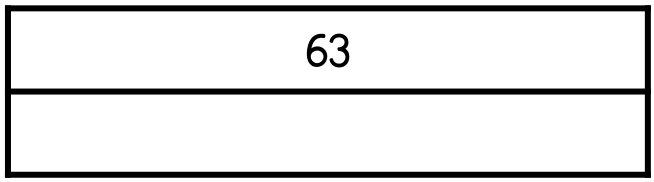
3 $12 \div f = 3$ $f =$ ____



4 $g \times 6 = 48$ $g =$ ____

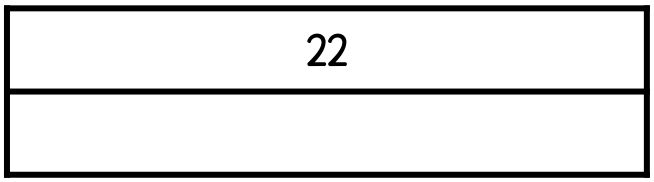


5 $7 \times p = 63$ $p =$ ____



Divide the strip diagram into equal parts to represent the equation, then solve for *p*.

6 $22 \div n = 2$ $n =$ ____



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number bonds

Directions: For the equations with unknown numbers below, draw an addition or multiplication number bond to determine the unknown number.

1. 8 x ___ = 64

2. 4 x ___ = 20

3. ___ x 2 = 24

4. 5 x ___ = 40

5. ___ x 2 = 10

6. ___ x 7 = 42

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division

Directions: Solve for the unknown numbers in the division equations below.

1. ___ ÷ 3 = 12
2. 6 ÷ ___ = 3
3. ___ ÷ 7 = 6
4. 12 ÷ ___ = 4
5. 16 ÷ 2 = ___
6. ___ ÷ 6 = 9
7. ___ ÷ 7 = 12
8. 28 ÷ ___ = 4
9. 60 ÷ 10 = ___
10. 56 ÷ ___ = 8
11. ___ ÷ 12 = 2
12. 30 ÷ ___ = 5
13. ___ ÷ 4 = 11
14. 72 ÷ ___ = 8
15. 15 ÷ 3 = ___
16. 8 ÷ ___ = 4
17. ___ ÷ 5 = 11
18. 12 ÷ ___ = 6

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story problems

Directions: For each story problem below, write the specified type of equation with an unknown number. Then, solve for the unknown number.

1. Write a division equation that represents the story problem.

   Mark is sorting pebbles at the beach. He sorts the pebbles into 7 groups, and there are 8 pebbles in each group. How many pebbles are there in all?

2. Write a multiplication equation that represents the story problem.

   At the grocery story, there are 60 boxes of cereal divided evenly between 6 shelves. How many cereal boxes are on each shelf?

3. Write a multiplication equation that represents the story problem.

   Hans is preparing lemonade. He has 32 ice cubes and wants to put an equal amount in each of 8 glasses. How many ice cubes should he place in each glass?

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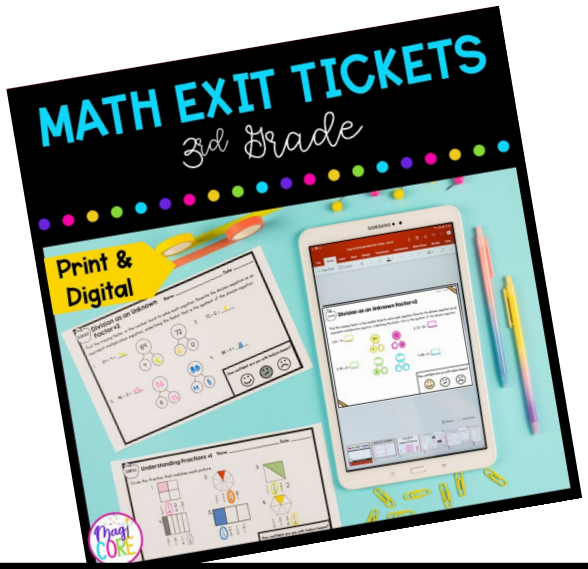

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