

Number Stories and Estimation



- Read each number story carefully.
- Write an open number sentence to use in estimating.
- Answer the question.

Example:

It is said that the Aztec king, Montezuma, drank about 50 cups of chocolate per day. Did he drink *more* or *less* than 10 gallons of chocolate in a week? (Hint: 16 cups = 1 gallon)

Open number sentence: 10 * 16 = Number of cups in 10 gallonsAnswer: more

- 1. Certain varieties of seahorses can move 10.5 inches per minute. At this rate, could these seahorses be able to travel 6 yards in 1 hour?
 - a. Open number sentence:
 - **b.** Answer: _____
- 2. Orville Wright completed the first airplane flight on December 17, 1903. He traveled 120 feet in 12 seconds. If he had been able to stay in the air for a full minute, would he have traveled 1 mile? (Hint: 1 mile = 5,280 feet)
 - a. Open number sentence:
 - **b.** Answer: _____
- 3. In 1960, the Triton became the first submarine to circumnavigate the world. It covered 36,014 miles in 76 days. Is that more or less than 100 miles per day?
 - a. Open number sentence:
 - b. Answer: _____

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Using Place Value to Compare Powers of 10



1 meter	10 decimeters	100 centimeters	1,000 millimeters
1 centimeter	0.01 meter	0.1 decimeter	10 millimeters

Use the information in the conversion table to respond to each statement below. Complete each statement with one of the following phrases:

10 times, 100 times, $\frac{1}{10}$ of, $\frac{1}{100}$ of

- 1. 1 meter is ______ the size of a decimeter.
- 2. 1 centimeter is ______ the size of a meter.
- 3. 1 centimeter is ______ the size of a millimeter.
- 4. 1 decimeter is ______ the size of a meter.
- **5.** 1 millimeter is ______ the size of a decimeter.

Write two of your own statements using the information in the table.

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Complete the table below by making the appropriate conversions.

	millimeters	centimeters	decimeters	meters
8.	9,743			
9.				3
10.		175		

11. In Problem 10, explain what happens to the value of the digit 5 when you go from millimeters to centimeters, and then from decimeters to meters.