


Math Challenge #6

Winter Fun Activities

Kinder & First Grade: solve at least 3 problems.
Second & Third Grade: solve at least 7 problems.
Fourth Grade and above: solve at least 12 problems.

	<i>Answer</i>
1. How many unique types of snowflakes are there? 	3
2. If + = 6 and + + = 6, what is the value of + = ? Each snowflake is 3 and each snowman is 2. Therefore, 2+3 = 5.	5
3. Kyra and Anna are waiting in line to rent ice skates at the Bellevue Ice-Skating Arena. Kyra is standing directly in front of Anna. Kyra turns to Anna and says, "There are 5 kids behind me in the line." Anna replies, "There are 3 kids ahead of me in the line." How many kids are in the line, including Kyra and Anna? Draw it out.	8 [kids]
<p style="text-align: center;">8 kids standing in the line.</p>	8 kids standing in the line.
4. Kyle is keeping track of the amount of snowfall at the ski resort this month. So far it has snowed three times. The first snowfall was only 3 inches. Last week there was a snowstorm that dumped 13 inches. The most recent snowfall was 5 inches. How many inches of snowfall has the resort seen so far this month? $3 + 13 + 5 = 21$ inches	21 [inches]
5. If you pick two random snowflakes, how many different possible sums could you get? $2+3 = 5, 2+1 = 3, 2+4 = 6$ $3+2 = 5, 3+1 = 4, 3+4 = 7$ $1+4 = 5, 1+3 = 4, 1+2 = 3$ After removing duplicate sums, you get 5 different answers (3, 4, 5, 6, and 7)	5 [answers or sums]
6.	2 [stickers]
7. Six igloos can be traded for 12 snowmen, which can be traded for 36 snowflakes. Every 2 snowflakes can be traded for 1 sled, Anishka will have $36 \div 2 = 18$ sleds.	18 [sleds]
8. Total cups: $20 \times 2 = 40$ cups. Number of batches: $40 \div 5 = 8$ cups = 8 batches.	8 [batches]

9.	Amber: 3 times. Diana: $3 + 2 = 5$ times. Lyron: $2 \times 5 = 10$. Total: $3 + 5 + 10 = 18$ times.	18 [times]			
10.	 <p>The number of snowflakes she needs: $9 + 9 = 18$ She made 5 already, so she needs $18 - 5 = 13$ more.</p>	13 [snowflakes]			
11.	<p>Number of children: $89 \times 2 = 178$. Thus, total number of people: $89 + 178 = 267$ people. Or draw the model</p> <p>Children <table border="1" style="display: inline-table; vertical-align: middle;"><tr><td> </td><td> </td></tr></table> 1 unit = 89 people. In total 3 units, $89 \times 3 = 267$ people Adults <table border="1" style="display: inline-table; vertical-align: middle;"><tr><td>89</td></tr></table></p>			89	267 [people]
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12.	The next time all digits are different, it will show 78290. $78290 - 78269 = 21$ miles	21 [miles]			
13.	<p>a. $120 \text{ feet} \div 15 \text{ feet/string} = 8$ strings b. $8 \text{ strings} \times \\$10.50 = \\$84.00$</p>	<p>a. 8 [strings] b. \$84 or \$84.00</p>			
14.	If the sled cost \$89.00, then 1 pair of glove cost: $(124.00 - \$89.00) \div 2 = \$35 \div 2 = \$17.50$	\$17.50			
15.	$\frac{1}{2}$ ft = 6 inches. $1 \frac{1}{2}$ inches per hour means 3 inches every 2 hours. Double 3 inches to become 6 inches in 4 hours. Thus, 4 hours after 9 PM will be 1 AM .	1:00 AM or 1:00 a.m.			
16.	<p>Let's pretend that all 25 places are igloos. $25 \times 4 = 100$ people, so we overcounted by $100 - 70 = 30$ people. The difference between the igloo and snow cave is 2 people. $30 \div 2 = 15$ snow caves. Double check: $10 \text{ igloos} \times 4 = 40$ people, $15 \text{ snow caves} \times 2 = 30$ people. In total, we have 25 dwellings and 70 people.</p>	15 [snow caves]			
17.	<p>From 12pm to 1 pm Billy will move 2.5 miles. So, the initial distance between the two friends was 2.5 miles. Jared is gaining half a mile every hour. $2.5 \text{ miles} \div (3 - 2.5 \text{ mph}) = 5$ hours. In 5 hours, Jared will catch up with Billy. Jared will catch up with Billy 5 hours after 1 pm, which is at 6 p.m.</p>	6:00 PM or 6:00 p.m.			
18.	<p>The trail's distance is 7 miles. Each hour, Anthony and Nathaniel get $20 + 15 = 35$ miles closer. $7 \text{ miles} \div 35 \text{ mph} = 1/5 \text{ hour} = 12 \text{ minutes}$. At 11:12 a.m., Anthony and Nathaniel will pass each other.</p>	11:12 AM or 11:12 a.m.			

Solution is available on February 7, 2025
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