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Introduction



The *Minutes to Mastery* series was designed to help students build confidence in their math abilities during testing situations. As students develop fluency with math facts and operations, they improve their abilities to do different types of math problems comfortably and quickly.

Each of the 100 tests in this book has 10 questions in key math areas. Multiple opportunities are presented to solve the standards-based problems while developing speed and fluency. The pages present problems in a variety of ways using different terminology. For instance, in subtraction, students might be asked to *subtract* or to *find the difference*. Terms like *less* and *minus* are both used to ensure that students are comfortable with different phrasings. Word problems are included to provide additional practice decoding text for clues. Critical thinking and abstract reasoning play such an important role in solving math problems, and practice is imperative.

Keep in mind, timing can sometimes add to the stress of learning. If this is the case for your math learner(s), don't focus on timing in the beginning. As confidence in the process of answering a number of different types of questions builds, so will accuracy and speed. Then you can introduce timing.

Establish a timing system that works well for your group. Here are steps to help you get started:

- 1. Present a worksheet without officially timing it to get a sense of how long it will take to complete—perhaps 10 minutes. Ideally, you want all ten questions per page to be answered.
- 2. Allow students to practice using the preferred timer before taking a timed test.
- **3.** Remind students to write their answers neatly.
- **4.** Take a few timed tests and see how it works. Adjust the time as needed.
- **5.** Work to improve the number of correct answers within the given time. Remind students that it is important to be accurate, not just fast!
- 6. Encourage students to try to do their best each time, to review their results, and to spend time working on areas where they had difficulties. The Tracking Sheet can be used to record the number of correct answers for each test. The final column can be used for the date the test was taken or for initials.

The section at the bottom of each page can be used to record specific progress on that test, including the time the student started the test, finished the test, the total time taken, how many problems were completed, and how many problems were correct.

Hopefully, with practice, all students will begin challenging themselves to go faster, while remaining accurate and writing clearly.

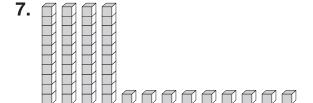


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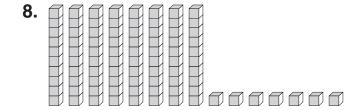
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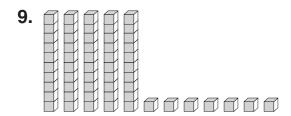
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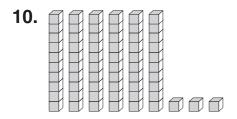
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Finished:

Total Time:

Completed:

Correct:



Name _____

Date _

Cross out the stars to subtract. Write each problem and solve.

- **1.** Cross out 7 and subtract. 527527527527527 今今今今今 今
- 2. Cross out 9 and subtract.

Find the differences.

Use the numbers in each box to make 2 subtraction problems.

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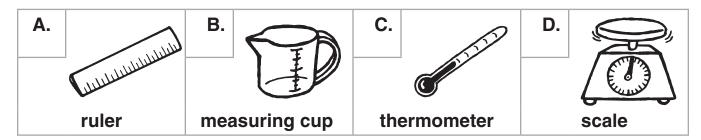
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Name _____ Date ____

Answer the questions about measuring tools. Write the correct letter for each answer.



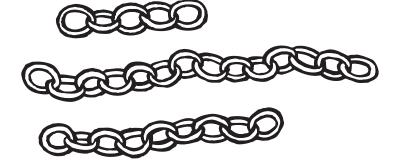
- **1.** This item measures temperature. _____
- 2. This item measures how long something is. _____
- 3. This item measures how much something weighs. _____
- 4. This item measures liquids. _____

What would be heavier? Circle your answers.

- 5. a bike or a skateboard
- 6. a book or a desk
- 7. a watermelon or an apple
- 8. a crayon or a backpack

Compare the chains and follow the directions.

- 9. Circle the shortest chain.
- 10. Cross out the *longest* chain.



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Name Date

Match the times. Write the correct letter next to the analog clock.

1.



A. (8:30)

2.



в. (5:30)

3.



c. (3:30)

4.



D. (1:30)

5.



E. 7:30

6.



F. (10:30

7.



g. (9:30

8.



н. (2:30)

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ı. (5:30)

10.

Started:



Finished:

J. (4:30)