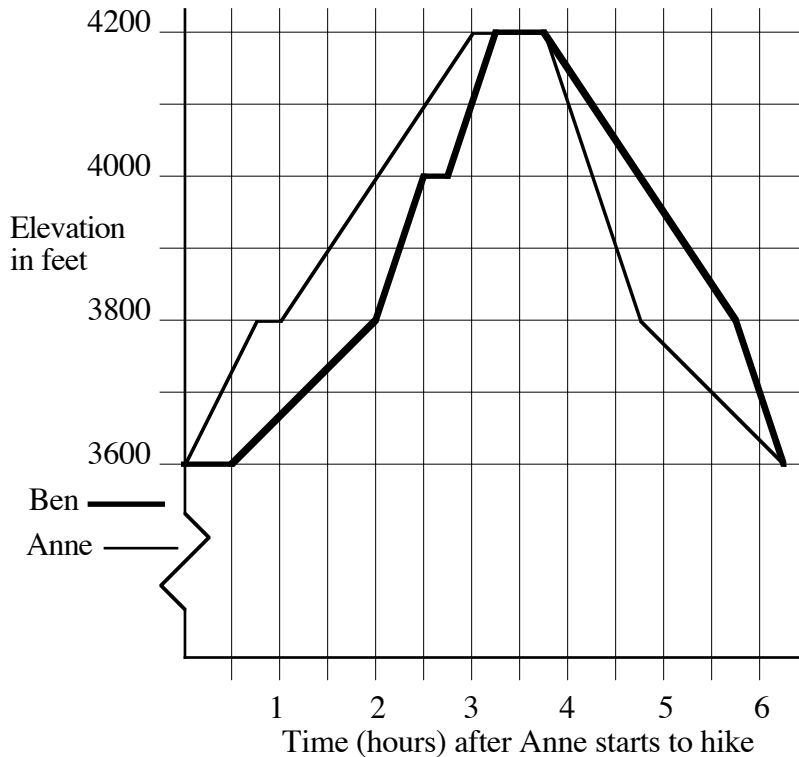


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Unless a particular problem directs otherwise, give an exact answer or one rounded to the nearest thousandth.

Algebra - Grade 8



1. Ben Thayer and Anne Back each hike to the top of a mountain and back by the same route. At one time in their hike Anne is changing her elevation twice as fast as Ben. At another time in their hike Ben is changing his elevation 3 times as fast as Anne. How long is it from the beginning of one of these times to the beginning of the other?
2. What is the sum of $3 + 6 + 9 + 12 + \dots + 990 + 993 + 996 + 999$?
3. Six "45s" fit one album; 3 albums fit on 2 tapes; 4 tapes fit on 3 CDs; and 7 CDs fit on one DVD. How many "45s" on 5 DVDs?
4. The height of toy rocket in feet, h , is given by $h = vt - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$ where v is its initial velocity in feet per second, t is the time since launch in seconds and g is the earth's gravitational constant of 32 feet / second². If its initial velocity is 130 feet / second, how many feet high is the toy rocket after 5 seconds?
5. $|x|^3 < 31$ has how many integral solutions?

6. $2B$ or not $2B$:

If $\frac{5 \square 2 \frac{2}{3}}{3B + \frac{5}{3} \square 4} = \frac{2 \frac{2}{3} + 1 \frac{3}{4}}{2(B+1) \square 3}$, then what is the value of the reciprocal of $2B$? Give the answer as a reduced fraction.

7. The basement was flooding at the rate of 5 gallons per minute because the hose to the washing machine broke 7 hours before Justin Thyme turned it off. Justin knew that he could bail out the water by himself in $11 \frac{2}{3}$ hours. If he unplugged the drain, the basement would drain by itself in 5 hours. How long would it take to get the water out of the basement if Justin bailed with the drain open?
8. What's wrong with this "proof?"

$$m = n$$

$$mn = n^2$$

$$mn \square m^2 = n^2 \square m^2$$

$$m(n \square m) = (n + m)(n \square m)$$

$$m = n + m$$

$$m = m + m$$

$$m = 2m$$

$$1 = 2$$

9. The height of toy rocket in feet, h , is given by $h = vt \square \frac{1}{2}gt^2$ where v is its initial velocity in feet per second, t is the time since launch in seconds and g is the earth's gravitational constant of 32 feet / second². If its initial velocity is 130 feet / second, after how many seconds does the rocket reach its maximum height? (Answer to the nearest hundredth.)
10. Inda Middle School buys a copier for \$14,021. The copier loses 5% of its value each month. The school plans to keep the copier until it reaches $\frac{1}{7}$ of its original value. To the nearest month, how many months after purchase will this be?