

# Equitable Access to the SMPs through Purposeful Number Talk Progressions

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## What is Quantitative Reasoning?

How do you define or describe quantitative reasoning?

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Common Core State Standards, 2010, <http://www.corestandards.org/Math/Practice/>

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• For example, they can apply ratio reasoning to convert measurement units and proportional relationships to solve percent problems.

• For example, they can solve problems involving unit rates by representing the situations in equation form.

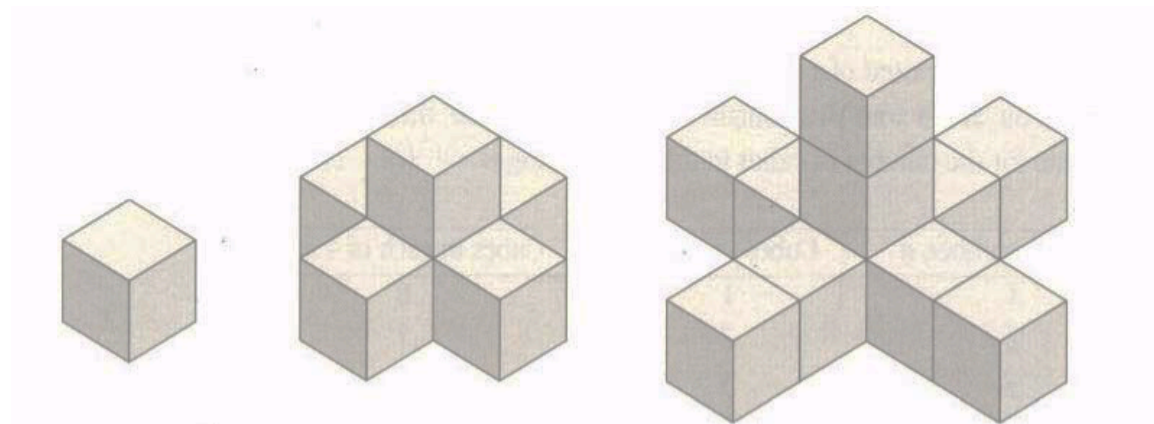
• For example, in middle school, students use properties of operations to generate equivalent expressions and use the number line to understand multiplication and division of rational numbers.

<http://commoncoretools.me/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/2014-05-06-Elaborations-6-8.pdf>

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## Counting Cubes Task

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Building 1

Building 2

Building 3

1. What do you notice and wonder about the buildings?

2. Describe a pattern you see in the cube buildings.

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## Counting Cubes Task

Teacher: Peter Dubno

District: New York City School District

Grade: 8

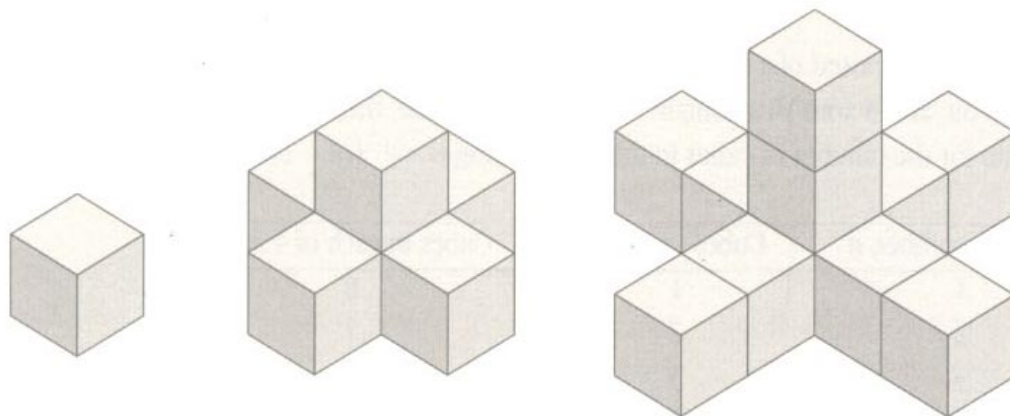
- 1 *Teacher:* --come up and present what they came up with. Arden, come on. Now  
2 remember, one person speaks because we can't hear many people  
3 speaking at once.
- 4 *Student:* Okay, everybody, like, on the things there were arms, right, which are the  
5 extended parts, right? So our pattern was that every time you add one...a  
6 cube to each arm, the total volume increases by 5 cubic centimeters,  
7 which I think was 5 cubes or whatever you called it. And then on our  
8 whatever...
- 9 *Student:* Equation.
- 10 *Student:* --equation, was that  $5n + 1$  equals the volume and  $n$  equals the length of  
11 one individual arm. So that, like, there's the middle cube, excluding the  
12 middle cube, you would multiply that by 5 because there are 5 arms and  
13 then add 1 for the middle cube and that will give you the volume and  
14 number of cubes.
- 15 *Student:* For the 3<sup>rd</sup> question, it was, what's the volume of the 5<sup>th</sup> stage? Well, for  
16 the 5<sup>th</sup> stage, there will be 4 cubes on each arm so the equation will be  
17  $5 \times 4, + 1$  equals the volume. So  $5 \times 4$  is 20,  $+ 1$  is 21, so the volume will be  
18 21.
- 19 *Student:* Yeah.
- 20 *Teacher:* Any questions for the presenters? Did anyone come up with a different  
21 solution? All right, Cassie come on. Do you want to show us? Cassie,  
22 Deirdre?
- 23 *Student:* Originally, we got what Arden got, but we tried it out and it didn't always  
24 work.
- 25 *Student:* With the 1<sup>st</sup> one.
- 26 *Student:* With the first one, so what happened is we came up with  $5n - 4$ , so it's 5  
27 arms and then  $n$  would be the building number.
- 28 *Student:* Yeah, and then you subtract it.

- 29 *Student:* And then you subtract 4 and then you get the number of—
- 30 *Student:* Cubes in the building.
- 31 *Student:* --cubes in the building. So we wrote up an example and  $n = 2$ , so then  
32  $5 \times 2 - 4$  is  $10 - 4$ , and we got 6 cubes in the building.
- 33 *Student:* And that's the number of the cubes in the building.
- 34 *Student:* And it's on the sheet also.
- 35 *Teacher:* So let me ask you. Of that formula, if I asked you how many cubes would  
36 be in the 7<sup>th</sup> building—
- 37 *Student:* It would be 31.
- 38 *Teacher:* And how would you get that?
- 39 *Student:* You'd replace  $n$  with the 7 and then you do the work, you'd multiply 7  
40 times 5 and then you get 35, and the you minus 4 and you get 31.
- 41 *Teacher:* Okay. How is yours different or the same as what Arden did and Yoshio  
42 did?
- 43 *Student:* Both of us used  $5n$ , 5 times the building number for each arm but—
- 44 *Student:* The only thing that was different was that we subtracted and he added.
- 45 *Teacher:* Does that make it different or is it the same or what?
- 46 *Student:* No...No, we did the middle square for each arm and then you subtracted  
47 4 middle squares. But what we did is we just added the actual length of  
48 the arm excluding the middle square.
- 49 *Student:* But the reason why it didn't work for us was because we were trying to  
50 figure out an equation that would fit all buildings instead of just each  
51 every 1 except for the 1<sup>st</sup> one, because it doesn't really work for the 1<sup>st</sup>  
52 one.
- 53 *Student:* Yea. Because there's only 1 cube.
- 54 *Student:* Yeah, there's no—
- 55 *Student:*  $5 \times 0 = 0, + 1 = 1$ .
- 56 *Student:* It's the 1<sup>st</sup> building, though.

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1. Describe a pattern you see in the cube buildings.
2. Use your pattern to write an expression for the number of cubes in the  $n$ th building.
3. Use your expression to find the number of cubes in the 5th building. Check your results by constructing the 5th building and counting the cubes.
4. Look for a different pattern in the buildings. Describe the pattern and use it to write a different expression for the number of cubes in the  $n$ th building.

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### Sample Progression - Prompt 1

Would you rather have....

Pennies to match your weight



Quarters to match your height



Source: [http://www.wouldyourathermath.com/height\\_weight/](http://www.wouldyourathermath.com/height_weight/)

### Sample Progression - Prompt 2



Which is the better deal for potatoes?



Source: de la Cruz, Garney, MTMS 2016

### Sample Progression - Prompt 3

Mrs. Leimberer wants to buy oranges to pack in her daughters' lunches. She sees the ads below in the newspaper.

Stanley's Produce Market	Franklin's Fresh Fruit
Fresh oranges on sale! 10 for \$2.00	Delicious oranges for you! 8 for \$1.75
	

Where should Mrs. Leimberer buy her oranges?

### Sample Progression - Prompt 4

Convince me that...

cereal box B is the better buy.



Source: <https://tinyurl.com/ConvinceMeThat>

### Sample Progression - Prompt 5



Source: <http://www.wouldyourathermath.com/would-you-rather-44/>

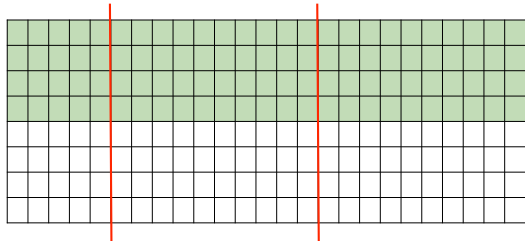
### Sample Progression - Debrief

- Turn and talk to a neighbor:
  - What do you think the goal was of this progression?
  - What big idea(s) came up for you as you were thinking about the prompts?
  - Did you see evidence of "ramping" (building from one task to the next in a purposeful way)?

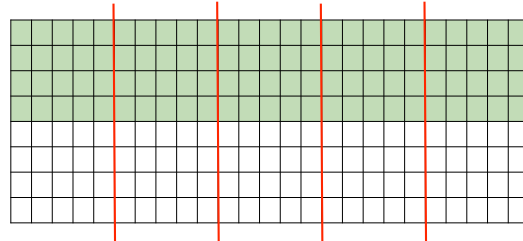
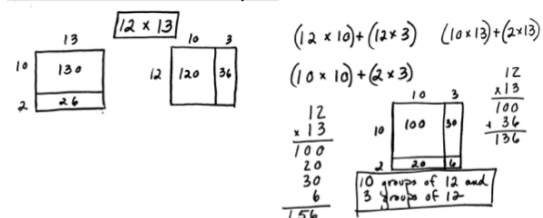
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**Jigsaw Progression #2 - Prompt 1b**

How many squares are in the rectangle?

**Jigsaw Progression #2 - Prompt 1c**

How many squares are in the rectangle?

**Jigsaw Progression #2 - Prompt 2**Which represent  $12 \times 13$ ?**Jigsaw Progression #2 - Prompt 3**

$15 \times 2 =$

$15 \times 4 =$

$15 \times 6 =$

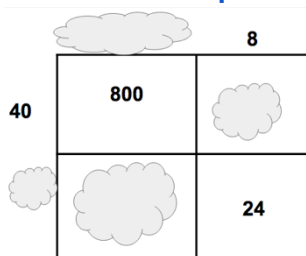
$10 \times 6 + 5 \times 6 =$

$15 \times 10 - 15 \times 4 =$

**Jigsaw Progression #2 - Prompt 3**

What relationships do you see?

What values belong in the clouds?

**Jigsaw Progression #2 - Prompt 5**

$14 \times 18$



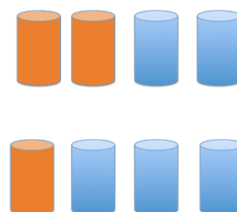
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**Jigsaw Progression #3 - Prompt 0**

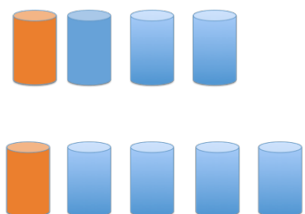
The orange represents one part juice. The blue represents one part water.

**Jigsaw Progression #3 - Prompt 1**

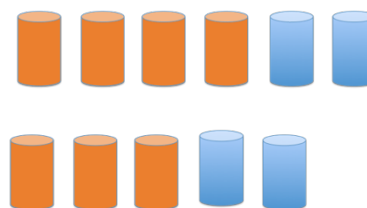
Which recipe is "orangier?"

**Jigsaw Progression #3 - Prompt 2**

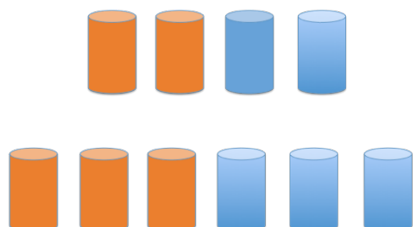
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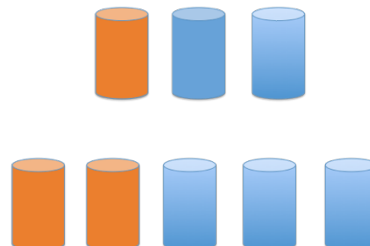
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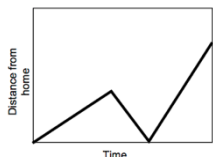
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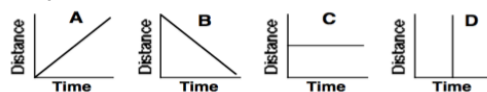
What do you notice/wonder about this graph?



Tell a story that would fit the graph.

**Jigsaw Progression #1 - Prompt 2**

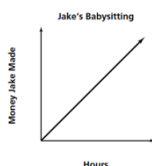
These graphs show the distances traveled from home.



1. Which graph shows the fastest travel time?
2. Which graph shows the car is not moving?
3. Which graph is impossible?

**Jigsaw Progression #1 - Prompt 3**

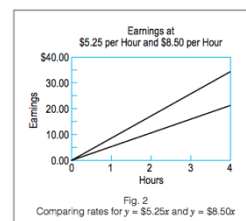
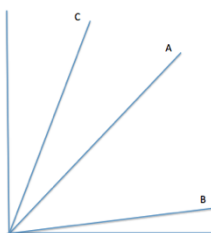
What's the story here? Put a scale on each axis and explain why they are reasonable.

**Jigsaw Progression #1 - Prompt 4**

Which line represents  $y = \$5.25x$  and which line represents  $y = \$8.50x$ ?

How do you know?

What would a line look like for earnings at \$12.75 per hour?

**Jigsaw Progression #1 - Prompt 5**

If the slope of line A is 1, what is the slope of B?

What is the slope of line C?

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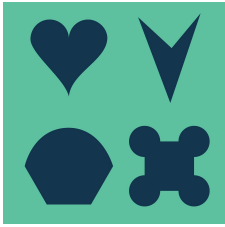


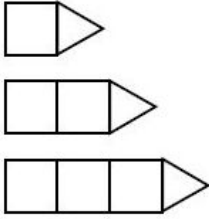
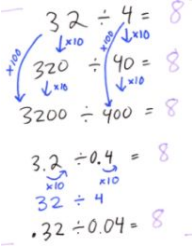
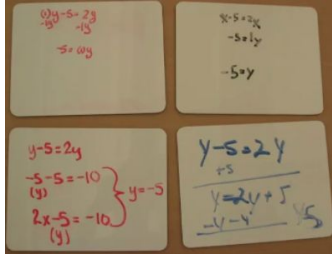

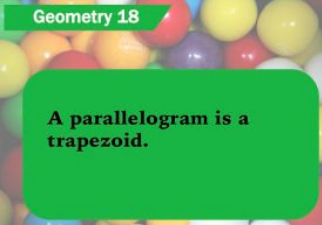
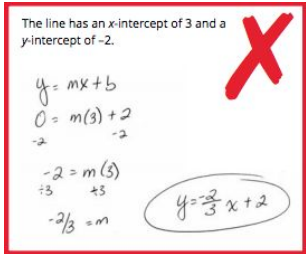
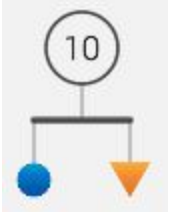


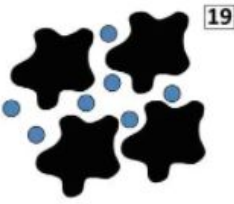

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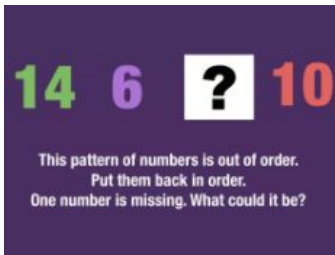

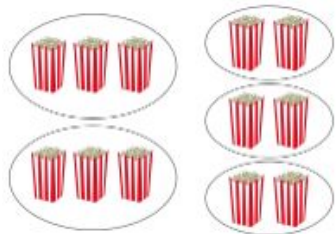
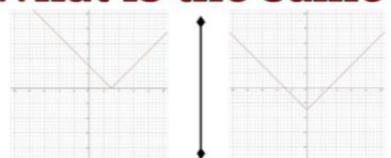
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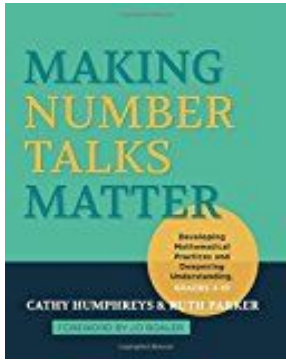
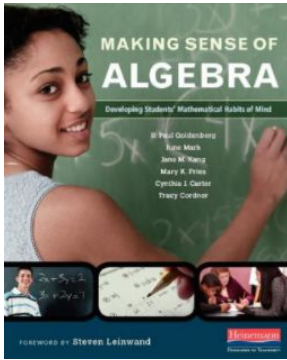
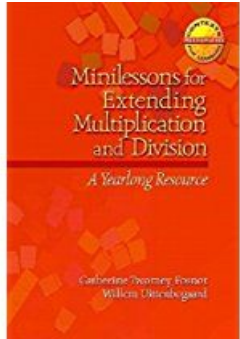
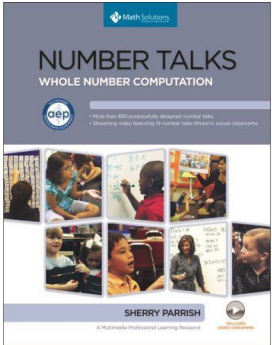
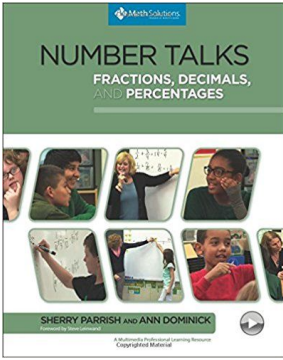
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<p><b>Same BUT Different</b>  <a href="https://www.samebutdifferentmath.com/">https://www.samebutdifferentmath.com/</a></p> 	<p><b>Same OR Different</b>  <a href="https://samedifferentimages.wordpress.com/">https://samedifferentimages.wordpress.com/</a></p> <p><b>What is the same?</b></p>  <p><b>What is different?</b></p>	<p><b>Problem Strings from Pam Harris</b>  <a href="http://www.mathisfigureoutable.com/problem-strings/">http://www.mathisfigureoutable.com/problem-strings/</a></p> $x(x + 4) = 5$ $x(x - 1) = 12$ $x(x - 2) - 8 = 0$ $x^2 + 2x = 15$

## Print Materials

<p><b><i>Making Number Talks Matter</i></b>              by Cathy Humphreys &amp; Ruth Parker</p> 	<p><b><i>Making Sense of Algebra</i></b>              Paul Goldenberg, et. al.</p> 	<p><b><i>Minilessons for Operations</i></b>              Cathy Fosnot, et. al.  <a href="https://tinyurl.com/FosnotAmazon">https://tinyurl.com/FosnotAmazon</a></p> 
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