

Moving Beyond Think-Pair-Share:

Routines for Mathematical Discourse

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Today's Expression

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Introductions

Who are we as a community of learners?

Alike & Different

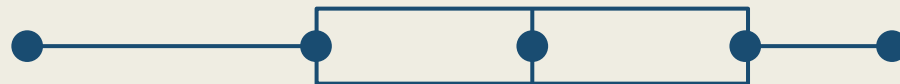
How are these teams alike? How are they different?

Age of Team Members on Two Softball Teams

Team A



Team B



How do students respond?

They both have the same median,
Q3 are the same, They have the same ^{range}

Team a is skewed right, Team b is semitrical:

Team b's maximum is lower than Team A

Alike

- They pretty much the same median
- The same Q3
- Team A's whisker, ^{on Q1} and team B's ^{on Q3} is the same length
- have the same range

different

- one is skewed right one skewed left.
- Team A's upper half are spread out
- Team B lower half is spread out more
- Quartile range is different
- Team B is younger
- Team A is older

Alike

- Same median
- Q3 is both 28

Different

- A is skewed right, B is skewed left.
- Team B's box is bigger.

both of the teams don't go below 18 years old. Neither one is semitrical

team A doesn't go below 22 years

team B has ^{some} younger people

they both have the same median

Compare these routines:

What kinds of mathematical thinking did each routine elicit?

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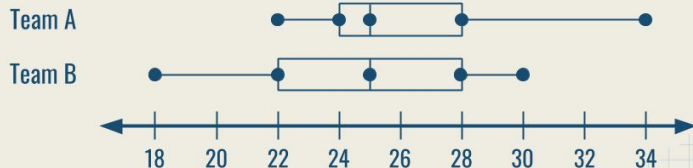
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Extend our thinking:

How do these routines engage learners in mathematical discourse?

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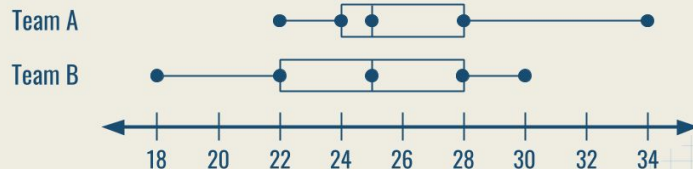
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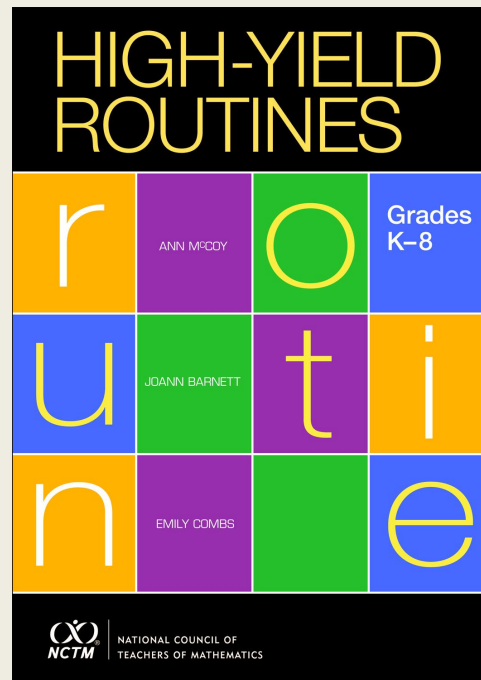


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High-Yield Routines

- **Today's Number**
- Mystery Number
- **Alike and Different**
- Number Lines
- Quick Images
- Guess My Rule
- How Do You Know?



Source: McCoy, A., Barnett, J., & Combs, E. (2013). *High-yield routines: Grades K-8*. Reston, VA: National Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

Agree or Disagree?

Word problems make the mathematical content more accessible to students.

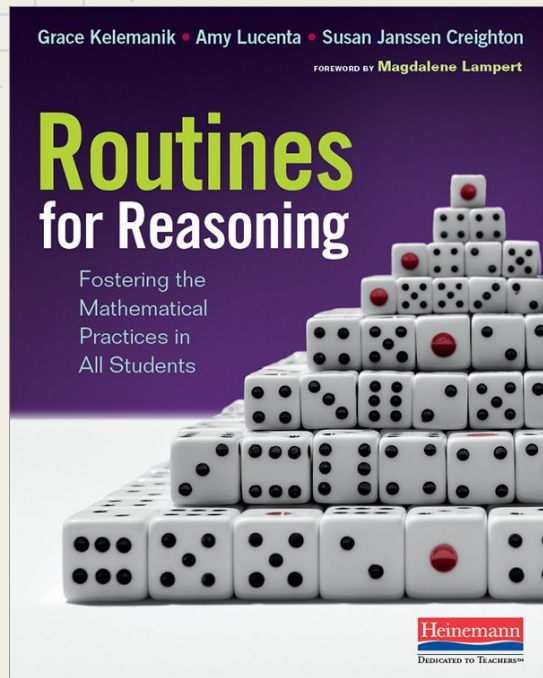
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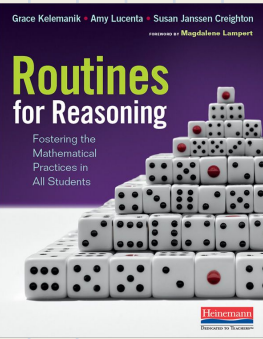
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Three Reads



- The purpose of the routine is to learn how to read and interpret math problems.
- There are three parts to the routine each with individual think time followed by partner and/or group sharing.

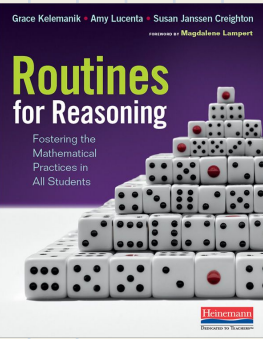


First Read: Understanding the Context

- **Individual** — Students read the problem and ask “What is this problem about?”
- **Group share** — Students share a word or phrase description of the problem.

Key ask-yourself questions:

- What’s this problem about?

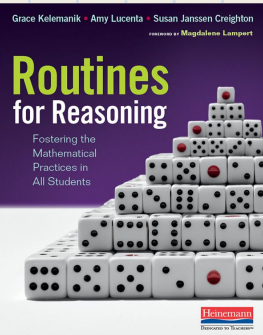


Second Read: Interpreting the Question

- **Individual** — Students read the problem and ask “What am I trying to find out?”
- **Pair** — Students articulate the question in their own words.
- **Group share** — Call on students to share possible wording of the question.

Key ask-yourself questions:

- What am I trying to find out?



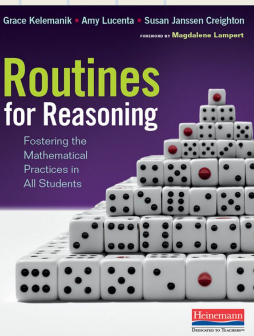
Third Read: Identifying Important Information

- **Pair** — Identify important information by asking the following questions:
 - What are the important quantities and relationships in this problem? (MP 3)
 - How is the situation behaving? (MP 7)
 - Is there a process that keeps repeating that I can generalize? (MP 8)
- **Group share** — Students share the important information.

Three Reads

Why read a problem three times?

“Leaving a math lesson knowing the answer to one problem is not nearly as helpful as leaving the lesson having gained a new insight into how to approach any number of math problems.”



How do students respond?

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1st Read-Ask Yourself: What is the problem about?
(Forget the numbers for now!)

Cost of total
of notebooks
and binders
for 23 students

2nd Read-Look for the Purpose: Think to yourself:
What am I trying to figure out? What
mathematics operation might be involved?

The whole \otimes
Cost $+$
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3rd Read-Gather information: Look for Yourself: Find
any important information and think what might be
needed. What are the important quantities?

23 students
\$15 binder cost
\$12 notebook cost

Solve the Problem-

Moving Beyond Think-Pair-Share

How were these think-pair-share experiences similar to and different from other more traditional think-pair-share experiences?

Stronger and Clearer

1. Pre-Write
2. Think Time
3. Pair
4. Switch
5. Post Write

Prompt:

**How do different
instructional routines
promote mathematical
discourse?**

Stronger and Clearer

How did this routine help
communicate our thinking?

Applying Routines to Practice

How might instructional routines help solve problems of practice?

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- Three Reads • Stronger & Clearer • + more...!

Problem of Practice #1:

Two girls don't volunteer to participate in class discussions. They don't ask questions or respond to questions either. The teacher believes these girls have important mathematical ideas and questions worth sharing and discussing.

Problem of Practice #2:

Students are often intimidated by word problems and are unsure of what to do. They often pull numbers out of the problem and rely on key words to help them guess how to operate on the numbers. This strategy sometimes “works,” but often leads to incorrect answers.

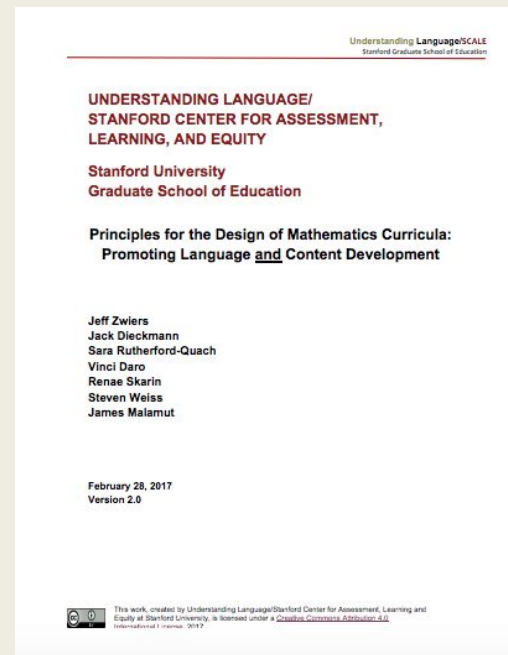
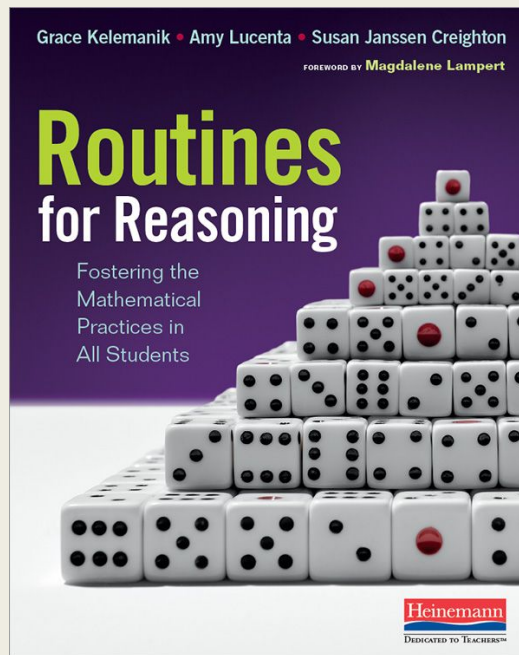
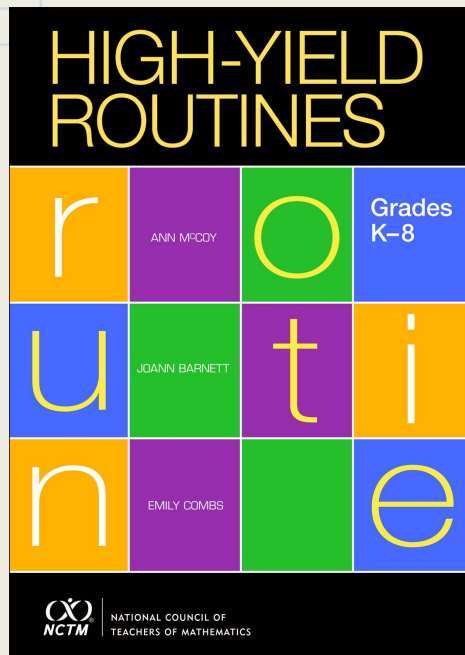
Problem of Practice #3:

Students describe mathematical ideas in their own words, but are not incorporating more formal math vocabulary into their explanations and justifications.

Problem of Practice #4:

Students rush to answer mathematical questions, often missing important details within the prompt (table, graph, representation).

Resources for Routines



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Facilitating Instructional Routines in Coaching and Professional Learning

11:15 - 11:45am

Exhibit Hall

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Michelle Rinehart & Dr. Dan Ilaria

Facilitating Instructional Routines in Coaching and Professional Learning

1:45 pm-2:15 pm

Beatrice Moore-Luchin

How do you customize coaching and capitalize on individual and team Strengths?

3:00 pm-3:30 pm

Courtney Baker

Developing an Intentional and Proactive Coaching Practice



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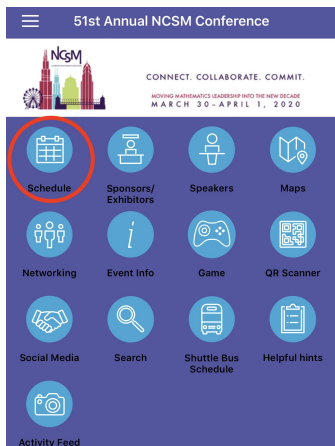
Session Objectives

- Examine effective discourse routines and analyze how these routines can be applied across mathematics topics.
- Compare and contrast the different types of mathematical reasoning, justification, and analysis that emerge from different discussion routines.

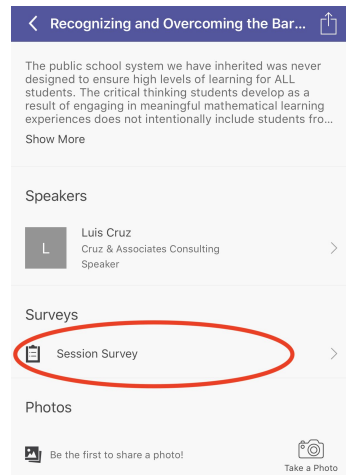
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