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Hunting for Shark Teeth

by Kelly Hashway

Trina squished her toes in the wet sand. She'd spent every morning that week searching the beach for a shark tooth. Everyone said Myrtle Beach was famous for shark teeth. But Trina hadn't found a single one.

Something pointy and T-shaped caught her eye. She reached for it and held it up against the shark tooth necklace her parents had bought her at one of the tourist shops. It wasn't exactly the same, but it kind of looked like a shark tooth.

"Did you find one?" her father asked.

Trina shrugged. "It looks like a shark tooth, but it might just be a seashell."

"Let me see," her father said, reaching for it. He brought it up to his face and turned it all around. Then he held it up to the sun and examined it some more. "It could be a shark tooth."

Trina didn't want to be unsure. She wanted a shark tooth. And not one that her parents bought at a store. She had to find one for herself.

Her father held it out to her. "Here."

"If we can't be sure it's a shark tooth, then I don't want it," Trina said.

Her father patted her shoulder and put the possible shark tooth in his pocket. Trina

continued searching among the seashells. Out of the corner of her eye, she saw her father walk a little way down the beach. Trina searched and searched. But all she found were shells and a broken sand dollar.

"Trina, it's time to go in," her mother said, folding up the beach chair.

"Just a few more minutes," Trina said.

"Sorry, honey. We have reservations for brunch, and you need to get all that sand off you before we go."

Trina stood up and brushed the sand from her shorts. She'd be leaving in the afternoon, so this was her last chance to find a shark tooth. She stared at the beach and sighed.

"Trina!" her father said, running up to her. "I asked a few people on the beach if they thought this was a shark tooth and they all said it could be. I think you should keep it." He handed the tooth to her.

Trina ran her finger over the sharp point at the top. Maybe it was a shark tooth. Maybe it wasn't. Either way it was pretty cool looking, and she had found it herself.

"Yeah, I think I will keep it."

About the the Author

Kelly Hashway



Kelly Hashway's latest book, *May the Best Dog Win*, is now available!

Dash has the perfect life until the Super Sweeper 5000 shows up. Sweeper runs all over the house sucking up the leftover food scraps, and he even gets his own room! But Dash won't give up his place as the favorite dog without a fight.

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1. On what beach does this story take place?

2. Which fact is true, according to the story?

- a. Trina already has a shark tooth.
- b. Trina has been searching for seashells.
- c. Trina has collected many shark teeth.
- d. At the end of the story, Trina knew she had found a real shark's tooth.

3. Is Trina on vacation, or does she live by the beach? Explain how you know.

4. Does this story take place in the morning or evening? Explain.

5. What type of story is this?

- a. science fiction
- b. biography
- c. fantasy
- d. realistic fiction

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Fill in the missing letters to create a word from the story.

Then, write the full word on the line. Be sure you spell each word correctly.

1. _ _ a _ p

hint: antonym for dull

1. _____

2. _ a _ d _ _ l l _ r

hint: a flat, round sea creature that lives in the sand

2. _____

3. _ _ c k _ _

hint: small bag sewn into clothing for carrying things

3. _____

4. _ o u _ i _ t

hint: person who is on vacation

4. _____

5. _ _ c k _ _ c e

hint: jewelry worn around the neck

5. _____

6. _ _ u _ _ h

hint: meal that is eaten in the late morning instead of breakfast and lunch

6. _____

7. _ _ s e r _ _ _ i o _ s

hint: special times for meals that are booked with a restaurant

7. _____

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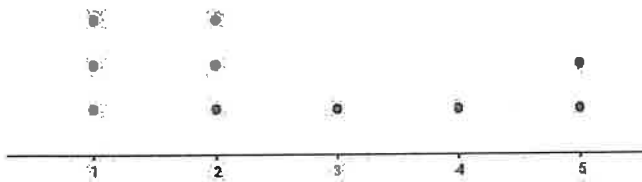
STAAR Review #5

1. Amanda had a pile of digit cards. Each of the cards was labeled with a number. Each time that Amanda drew a number card, she recorded the number on that card. She repeated this 10 times. The numbers of the cards that Amanda drew are shown in the list below.

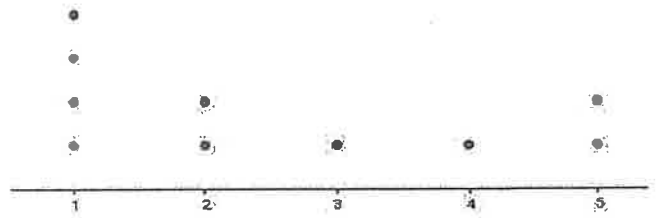
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Which dot plot represents the numbers on the cards that Amanda drew from the pile?

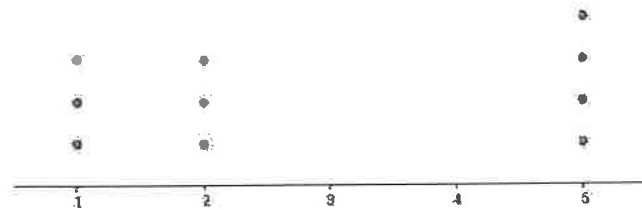
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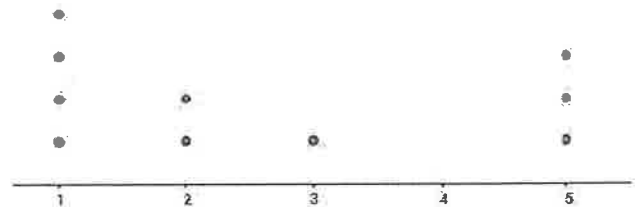
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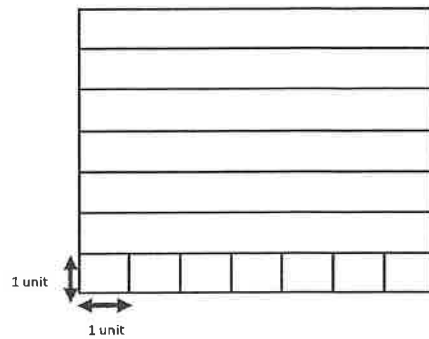
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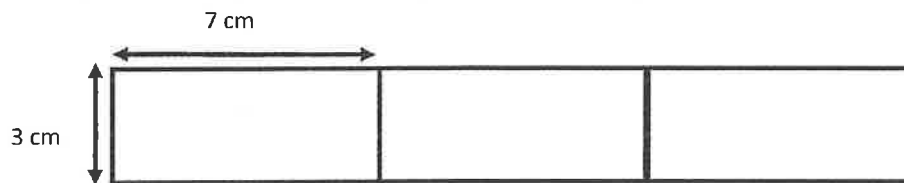


2. A model of a rectangular billboard is shown below. The bottom row has been divided into square of equal size.



The rest of the model will also be divided into squares of the same size. What is the area in square units represented by this model?

- A. 7 square units
 - B. 42 square units
 - C. 13 square units
 - D. 49 square units
3. Grady made a figure using three congruent rectangles.



What is the perimeter of the figure in centimeters?

- A. 48 cm
- B. 24 cm
- C. 10 cm
- D. 54 cm.

4. Which of these best describes the number 10,332?
- A. The sum of one ten thousand, three hundreds, and two ones
 - B. The sum of one ten thousand, three hundreds, three tens and two ones
 - C. The sum of one thousand, three hundreds, three tens, and two ones
 - D. The sum of one ten thousand, three thousands, three tens, and two ones

5. The table shows the height of some mountains.

Mountain Name	Height (feet)
Mount McKinley	20,320
Mount Whitney	14,094
Mount Washington	6,288
Pikes Peak	14,110

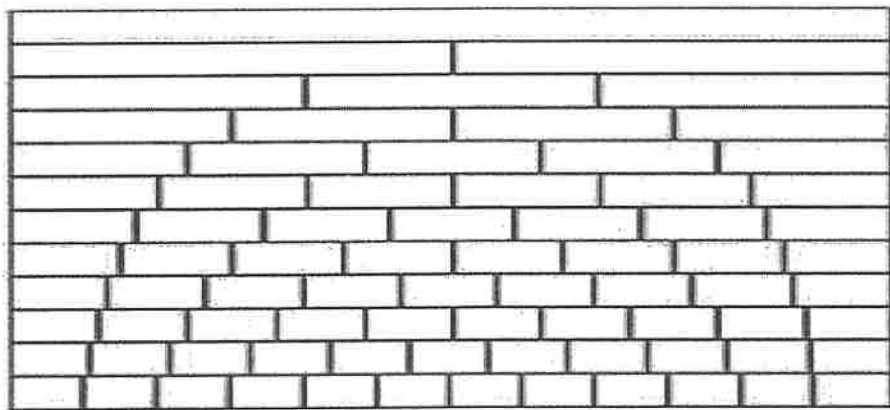
Which comparisons of the two mountain heights is NOT true?

- A. The height of Mount Whitney is $>$ the height of Pikes Peak
- B. The height of Mount Whitney is $>$ the height of Mount Washington
- C. The height of Pikes Peak is $>$ the height of Mount Washington
- D. The height of Mount Whitney is $<$ the height of Pikes Peak

6. Maggie wants to arrange her medals in boxes. She has 42 medals to place into 6 boxes. How many medals should she place in each box?

- A. 48, because $42+6 = 48$
- B. 252, because $42 \times 6 = 252$
- C. 7, because $6 \times 7 = 42$
- D. 6, because $6 \times 6 = 36$

7. Regina used fraction strips like the ones shown in the diagram in order to find equivalent fractions



Which list only shows fractions equivalent to $\frac{3}{4}$?

- A. $\frac{6}{8}, \frac{9}{12}$
- B. $\frac{6}{10}, \frac{9}{12}$
- C. $\frac{3}{5}, \frac{9}{12}$
- D. Not Here

8. Kyle caught 12 fish. Jenny caught twice as many as Kyle. Which is one way to find how many fish Jenny caught?

A. $12 \times 12 = \square$

B. $12 + 2 = \square$

C. $12 \times 2 = \square$

D. $12 + 2 \times 12 = \square$

9. What makes this number sentence true?

$$\square \div 4 = 32$$

A. 128

B. 36

C. 9

D. 8

10. A group of figures is shown.

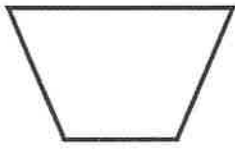


Figure V

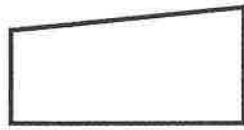


Figure W



Figure X



Figure Y

Which of these figures do **NOT** appear to be a quadrilateral?

- A. Figure V
- B. Figure W
- C. Figure X
- D. Figure Y