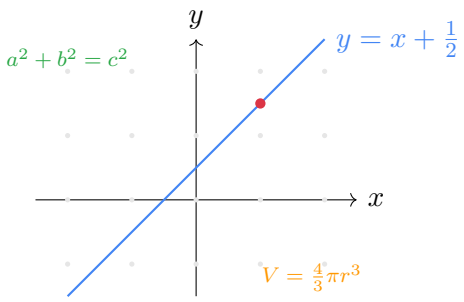
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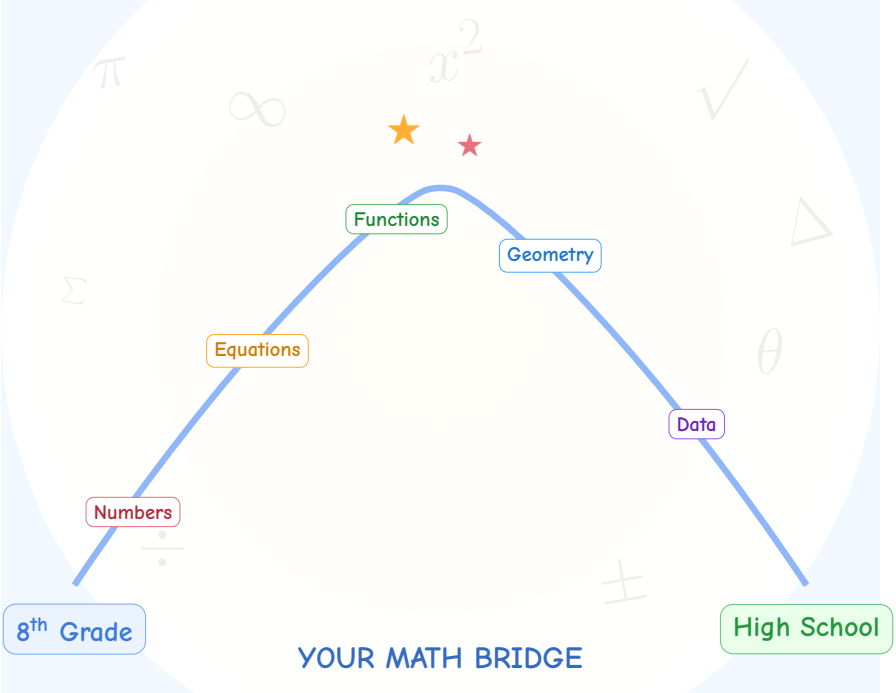
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Welcome, 8th Grader!

The Bridge Between Middle School and High School Starts Here



Dear Eighth Grader,

Welcome! This is *your* year. Everything you have built so far — working with fractions, decimals, ratios, and basic geometry — has been preparing you for this moment. Eighth-grade math is where all of those skills come together and open the door to high school and beyond.

M.8.16 Interpret the equation y = mx + b as defining a linear function, whose graph is a straight line; give examples of functions that are not linear (e.g., the function A = s^2 giving the area of a square as a function of its side length is not linear because its graph contains the points (1, 1), (2, 4) and (3, 9), which are not on a straight line)

M.8.17 Construct a function to model a linear relationship between two quantities. Determine the rate of change and initial value of the function from a description of a relationship or from two (x,y) values, including reading these from a table or from a graph. Interpret the rate of change and initial value of a linear function in terms of the situation it models, and in terms of its graph or a table of values

M.8.18 Describe qualitatively the functional relationship between two quantities by analyzing a graph (e.g., where the function is increasing or decreasing, linear or nonlinear). Sketch a graph that exhibits the qualitative features of a function that has been described verbally

M.8.19 Verify experimentally the properties of rotations, reflections and translations:

M.8.20 Understand that a two-dimensional figure is congruent to another if the second can be obtained from the first by a sequence of rotations, reflections and translations; given two congruent figures, describe a sequence that exhibits the congruence between them

M.8.21 Describe the effect of dilations, translations, rotations and reflections on two-dimensional figures using coordinates

M.8.22 Understand that a two-dimensional figure is similar to another if the second can be obtained from the first by a sequence of rotations, reflections, translations and dilations; given two similar two-dimensional figures, describe a sequence that exhibits the similarity between them

M.8.23 Use informal arguments to establish facts about the angle sum and exterior angle of triangles, about the angles created when parallel lines are cut by a transversal, and the angle-angle criterion for similarity of triangles (e.g., arrange three copies of the same triangle so that the sum of the three angles appears to form a line; give an argument in terms of transversals why this is so)

M.8.24 Explain a proof of the Pythagorean Theorem and its converse

M.8.25 Apply the Pythagorean Theorem to determine unknown side lengths in right triangles in real-world and mathematical problems in two and three dimensions

M.8.26 Apply the Pythagorean Theorem to find the distance between two points in a coordinate system

M.8.27 Know the formulas for the volumes of cones, cylinders and spheres and use them to solve real-world and mathematical problems

M.8.28 Construct and interpret scatter plots for bivariate measurement data to investigate patterns of association between two quantities. Describe patterns such as clustering, outliers, positive or negative association, linear association and nonlinear association

M.8.29 Know that straight lines are widely used to model relationships between two quantitative variables. For scatter plots that suggest a linear association, informally fit a straight line and informally assess the model fit by judging the closeness of the data points to the line

M.8.30 Use the equation of a linear model to solve problems in the context of bivariate measurement data, interpreting the slope and intercept (e.g., in a linear model for a biology experiment, interpret a slope of 1.5 cm/hr as meaning that an additional hour of sunlight each day is associated with an additional 1.5 cm in mature plant height)

M.8.31 Understand that patterns of association can also be seen in bivariate categorical data by displaying frequencies and relative frequencies in a two-way table. Construct and interpret a two-way table summarizing data on two categorical variables collected from the same subjects. Use relative frequencies calculated for rows or columns to describe possible association between the two variables (e.g., collect data from students in your class on whether or not they have a curfew on school nights and whether or not they have assigned chores at home; is there evidence that those who have a curfew also tend to have chores?)

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15. A walking trail runs along two straight segments. The first segment is $\sqrt{20}$ km and the second is π km. (a) Estimate $\sqrt{20}$ to the nearest tenth. (b) Using $\pi \approx 3.14$, estimate the total trail length. (c) If a hiker walks at 5 km/h, about how many minutes will the entire trail take? _____

16. A rectangular picture frame has dimensions $\sqrt{18}$ inches by $(2+\sqrt{5})$ inches. (a) Estimate each dimension to the nearest tenth. (b) Estimate the perimeter of the frame. (c) If framing material costs \$1.50 per inch, estimate the total cost. _____

17. The area of a circular garden is 50 m^2. (a) Using $A = \pi r^2$, solve for r in exact form. (b) Estimate r to the nearest tenth. (c) Estimate the circumference $C = 2\pi r$ to the nearest tenth of a metre. _____

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★ Chapter 1 Answer Key ★

Real Numbers & Number Sense

Topic 1 • Rational and Irrational Numbers

1) 3
2) 7
3) -12
4) Rational
5) Irrational
6) Irrational
7) Rational
8) Irrational
9) Rational
10) Irrational
11) Irrational
12) 13
13) Irrational
14) Yes
15) Irrational
16) No
17) Rational; 8 ft
18) 4 rational
19) False

Topic 2 • Turning Repeating Decimals into Fractions

1) $\frac{5}{9}$
2) $\frac{2}{9}$
3) $\frac{8}{9}$
4) 1
5) $\frac{1}{9}$
6) $\frac{2}{3}$
7) $\frac{5}{11}$
8) $\frac{3}{11}$
9) $\frac{2}{11}$
10) $\frac{7}{11}$
11) $\frac{1}{11}$
12) $\frac{6}{11}$
13) $\frac{1}{7}$
14) $\frac{1}{6}$
15) 36 pieces
16) Yes—the repeating decimal *is* the fraction $\frac{8}{11}$
17) $0.\overline{6} = \frac{2}{3}$; total $= \frac{2}{3} \times 5 = \frac{10}{3} = 3\frac{1}{3}$ cups
18) Both fractions are equal, but Eddie's is fully simplified: $\frac{5}{11}$
19) $\frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{5}{9} = \frac{14}{9} = 1\frac{5}{9}$ minutes

Topic 3 • Estimating Irrational Numbers

1) 3 and 4
2) 4 and 5
3) 5 and 6
4) 7 and 8
5) 8 and 9
6) 9 and 10
7) ≈ 2.4
8) ≈ 3.7
9) ≈ 5.5
10) ≈ 7.2
11) $\sqrt{3}$, 2, $\sqrt{5}$
12) $\sqrt{11}$
13) $8 < \sqrt{75} < 9$; closer to 9 since $\sqrt{75} \approx 8.66$
14) Drone A; $\sqrt{60} \approx 7.75 > 7.5$
15) Side ≈ 9.5 ft; fencing $\approx 4(9.5)(\$12) = \$456$
16) $\sqrt{113} \approx 10.6$ cm; need an 11 cm strip
17) 7.07 is more accurate; $7.07^2 = 49.9849 \approx 50$

Topic 4 • Estimating Expressions with Irrational Numbers

1) ≈ 6.28
2) ≈ 4.14
3) ≈ 5.64
4) ≈ 3.73
5) ≈ 4.42
6) 2
7) ≈ 6.21
8) ≈ 5.86
9) ≈ 1.86
10) ≈ 3.81
11) 5
12) ≈ 2.44
13) $\approx 9.4\ \text{m}^2$
14) Rope A; ≈ 0.55 m longer
15) Total $\approx 4.5 + 3.14 = 7.64$ km; time $\approx 7.64 \div 5 \times 60 \approx 92$ min
16) Perimeter $\approx 2(4.24 + 4.24) \approx 16.96$ in; cost $\approx \$25.44$
17) $r \approx 4.0$ m; $C \approx 25.1$ m

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Full worked solutions for Chapter 1 are waiting there.

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