
Systems of Linear Equations – Word Problems

4-Step Method:

1. Define variables
2. Write the system of equations
3. Solve showing all steps
4. State your solution in sentence form

7. You and your friend go to a Mexican restaurant. You order 2 tacos and 2 enchiladas. Your friend orders 3 tacos and 1 enchilada. Your bill was \$4.80. Your friend's bill was \$4.00. What was the price of an enchilada?

1.

Define variables:
 x : Price of a taco
 y : Price of an enchilada

System of equations:
 $2x + 2y = 4.80$
 $3x + y = 4$

State your solution:
 The price of an enchilada is
 \$1.60

Solve the system showing all steps

$$y = 4 - 3x$$

$$2x + 2(4 - 3x) = 4.80$$

$$2x + 8 - 6x = 4.80$$

$$-4x + 8 = 4.80$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -4x + 8 = 4.80 \\ \underline{-8} \quad \underline{-8} \\ -4x = -3.2 \\ \underline{-4} \quad \underline{-4} \\ x = 0.80 \end{array}$$

$$y = 4 - 3(0.80)$$

$$y = 4 - 2.4 \quad y = 1.60$$

$(0.80, 1.60)$

8. For a community bake sale, you purchase 12 pounds of sugar and 15 pounds of flour. Your total cost was \$9.30. The next day, you purchased 4 pounds of sugar and 10 pounds of flour. Your total cost the second day was \$4.60. Find the cost of a pound of sugar and a pound of flour.

1.

Define variables:

S: cost of a lb. of sugar
 F: cost of a lb. of flour.

System of equations:

$$12x + 15y = 9.30$$

$$4x + 10y = 4.60$$

State your solution:

The cost of a lb. of sugar is \$.40c. and the cost of a lb. of flour is \$.30c.

$(0.40, 0.30)$

Solve the system showing all steps

$$4x + 10y = 4.60 \quad \times -3$$

$$-12x - 30y = -13.8$$

$$+ (12x + 15y = 9.30)$$

$$-15y = -4.50$$

$$-15 \qquad -15$$

$y = 0.30$

$4x + 10(0.30) = 4.60$

$4x + 3 = 4.60$

$-3 \qquad -3$

$4x = 1.60$

$4 \qquad 4$

$x = 0.4$

9. A travel agency offers different getaways to New York. Plan A includes hotel accommodations for 3-nights and 2-pair of baseball tickets for \$645. Plan B includes hotel accommodations for 5-nights and 4-pairs of baseball tickets for \$1135. How much does a single hotel cost and how much does a single pair of baseball tickets cost?

1.

Define variables:

x: cost per night
y: cost per pair of tickets

System of equations:

$$\begin{aligned} 3x + 2y &= 645 \\ 5x + 4y &= 1135 \end{aligned}$$

State your solution:

Solve the system showing all steps

10. Tickets for the theater are \$5 for the balcony and \$10 for the orchestra. If 600 tickets were sold and the total receipts were \$4750, how many tickets of each type were sold?

1.

Define variables:

x : # of balcony tickets
 y : # of orchestra tickets.

System of equations:

$$\begin{aligned} x + y &= 600 \\ 5x + 10y &= 4750 \end{aligned}$$

State your solution:

Solve the system showing all steps

11. You bought 5 pairs of socks for \$19. The wool socks you bought cost \$5 per pair. The cotton socks you bought cost \$3 per pair. How many of each type of sock did you buy?

1.

Define variables:

x : # of wool socks
 y : # of cotton socks.

System of equations:

$$\begin{aligned} x + y &= 5 \\ 5x + 3y &= 19 \end{aligned}$$

State your solution:

Solve the system showing all steps

12. A sporting good store sells right-handed and left-handed baseball gloves. In one month, 12 gloves were sold for a total revenue of \$528. Right-handed gloves cost \$48 and left-handed gloves cost \$36. How many right-handed gloves were sold?

1.

Define variables:

x : # of right-handed gloves

y : # of left-handed gloves.

Solve the system showing all steps

System of equations:

$$\begin{aligned} x + y &= 12 \\ 48x + 36y &= 528 \end{aligned}$$

State your solution:

Essential Question 11/29/17

How can I solve systems of equation by elimination?

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Show and explain why the elimination method works to solve a system of two-variable equations.

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