

# **GRADE 11 ESSENTIAL**

## **UNIT A – PROBLEM SOLVING, GAMES AND NUMBERS**

### **PROBLEM SOLVING WORKBOOK**

**Do this workbook on your own time. It is not marked.  
But it will be very useful for occasional questions on  
quizzes and tests and exams.**

**Notice the 10 Strategies:**

**Use Multiple Steps; Draw a picture; Look for a Pattern; Guess and Check; Identify Missing Info; Make a list; Solve a Simpler Version; Work Backward; Use Estimation; Use A Formula; Use Logic**

**(and combinations of all of these)**



## PROBLEM-SOLVING STRATEGIES

## Multi-Step

Sandwiches at the cafeteria cost \$1.75, a salad costs \$1.09, and a glass of milk costs \$0.75. Eva and her friends ordered two sandwiches, three salads, and four glasses of milk. How much change should they receive from \$20?

The total cost of the sandwiches was \$3.50.

The total cost of the salads was \$3.27.

The total cost of the glasses of milk was \$3.00.

Eva and her friends spent \$9.77 at the cafeteria.

Eva and her friends received \$10.23 in change.

Find the total cost of the sandwiches, the salads, and the milk.

sandwiches	salads	milk
\$1.75	\$1.09	\$0.75
<u>×2</u>	<u>×3</u>	<u>×4</u>
\$3.50	\$3.27	\$3.00

Next, find the sum of the three individual costs.

$$\$3.50 + \$3.27 + \$3.00 = \$9.77$$

Then, find the change from \$20.

$$\$20.00 - \$9.77 = \$10.23$$

Solve each problem.

**SHOW YOUR WORK**

1. Sandro must read a total of 375 pages. He read 45 pages each day for 6 days and 25 pages each day for the next 4 days. How many more pages must he read?

Sandro needs to read \_\_\_\_\_ more pages.

2. Kerri bought three towels that each cost \$7.95. The tax on the purchase was \$1.19. She paid with one \$20 bill, one \$5 bill, and one dime. How much change did Kerri receive?

Kerri gave the clerk \_\_\_\_\_.

Kerri got \_\_\_\_\_ in change.

3. On Monday, Flower City sold 14 dozen roses. On Tuesday, half as many roses were sold. On Wednesday, 2 dozen fewer roses were sold than on Tuesday. How many dozen roses were sold in all?

\_\_\_\_\_ dozen roses were sold in all on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

## PROBLEM-SOLVING STRATEGIES

## Draw a Picture

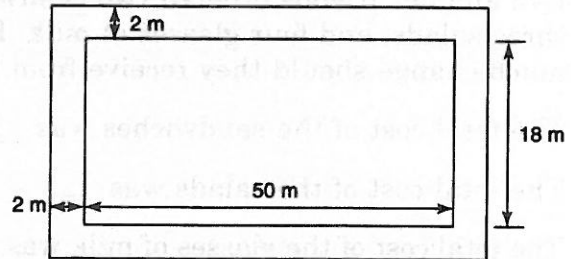
A garden plot is shaped like a rectangle. The length of the garden is 50 m and the width is 18 m. There is a 2-m-wide footpath around the entire garden. What is the total area of the garden and footpath?

The total length of the garden and footpath is 54 m.

The total width of the garden and footpath is 22 m.

The total area of the garden and footpath is 1188 m<sup>2</sup>.

Draw a picture of the garden and footpath.



Find the dimensions of the garden, including the footpath. Then find the area.

$$\text{length: } 50 + 2 + 2 = 54$$

$$\text{width: } 18 + 2 + 2 = 22$$

$$\text{area} = \text{length} \times \text{width}$$

$$\text{area} = 54 \times 22 = 1188$$

Solve each problem.

**SHOW YOUR WORK**

1. A bird is flying 1500 m below the clouds. The top of a building is 300 m above the ground. The base of the clouds is 800 m above the ground. How many metres above the building is the bird?

The bird is \_\_\_\_\_ m above ground.

The bird is \_\_\_\_\_ m above the building.

2. A tree trunk divides into three branches. Each smaller branch divides into two branches. Each of those divides into three branches. How many branches are on the tree in all?

There are \_\_\_\_\_ branches on the tree trunk.

## PROBLEM-SOLVING STRATEGIES

## Look for a Pattern

Awan has a credit card balance of \$4211. He has made payments of \$25, \$50, and \$75. If his payments continue this same pattern, how much will his sixth payment be?

The difference between the first and second payment is \$25.

The difference between the second and third payment is \$25.

Awan will pay \$100 on his fourth payment.

Awan will pay \$125 on his fifth payment.

Awan will pay \$150 on his sixth payment.

Look for a pattern as the payment number increases.

<i>Payment number:</i>	<i>Amount of payment:</i>
1	\$25
2	\$50
3	\$75
4	\$100
5	\$125
6	\$150

The pattern is + \$25.

Solve each problem.

**SHOW YOUR WORK**

1. A tennis ball is dropped from a height of 96 cm. On bounce one, it rebounds to a height of 48 cm. On bounce two, it rebounds to a height of 24 cm. How high does the tennis ball rebound on bounce four?

The pattern is \_\_\_\_\_.

On bounce four, the tennis ball rebounds \_\_\_\_\_ cm.

2. Lucy's faucet has a leak. The longer it goes unrepaired, the more water it leaks. In the first four days, her faucet leaked 90 mL, 180 mL, 360 mL, and 720 mL of water. If this pattern continues, how many ounces of water will the faucet leak on the sixth day?

The pattern is \_\_\_\_\_.

On day six, the faucet leaks \_\_\_\_\_ mL of water.

## PROBLEM-SOLVING STRATEGIES

## Guess and Check

At the cafeteria, Yancy used an equal number of quarters and nickels to buy his lunch. His lunch cost \$1.80. How many of each coin did he use?

One quarter has a value of \$0.25.

One nickel has a value of \$0.05.

Yancy used six quarters and six nickels.

Guess the possible numbers of each coin.

Guess: 4 quarters and 4 nickels

Value:  $\$0.25 \times 4 = \$1.00$

$\$0.05 \times 4 = \$0.20$

Total

Value:  $\$1.00 + 0.20 = \$1.20$

Incorrect.

Guess: 6 quarters and 6 nickels

Value:  $\$0.25 \times 6 = \$1.50$

$\$0.05 \times 6 = \$0.30$

Total

Value:  $\$1.50 + 0.30 = \$1.80$

Correct.

Solve each problem.

**SHOW YOUR WORK**

1. Ellis drove 495 km from his home to a resort at the beach. He returned home at a 10 km/h slower average speed. He drove 20 h total. Find his average speed in each direction. Give your answer in kilometres per hour (km/h).

Ellis drove at a speed of \_\_\_\_\_ from home to the beach.

Ellis drove at a speed of \_\_\_\_\_ from the beach to home.

2. In a basketball game, Debbie scored 38 total points on two-point baskets and three-point baskets. She scored 4 more two-point baskets than three-point baskets. How many of each did she score?

Debbie scored \_\_\_\_\_ two-point baskets.

Debbie scored \_\_\_\_\_ three-point baskets.

## PROBLEM-SOLVING STRATEGIES

## Identify Missing Information

Mr. Walton bought shirts that cost \$12.95 each, and ties that cost \$9.75 each. He gave the clerk six \$10 bills. How much change did he receive?

Not enough information

Missing information: the number of ties and  
the number of shirts purchased

Multiply to find the amount owed for the shirts and ties.

\$12.95	\$9.75
$\times$ # of shirts	$\times$ # of ties
amount owed	amount owed
for shirts	for ties

Information on the number of shirts and ties purchased is missing.

Solve each problem.

SHOW YOUR WORK

1. Jim has a job that pays him \$75 per day for 8 h of work. He saves \$15 of his pay each day for repairs on his car. How many days will it take Jim to save enough to repair his car?

Missing information: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Karen and some of her friends are going on a camping trip. They plan to use a trailer to transport their belongings. Each person is limited to a 1-kg sleeping bag, 8 kg of food, and 5 kg of personal belongings. What is the total mass of their belongings?

Missing information: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Linda bought 3 kg of chicken for \$7.74 and a package of ground beef for \$8.29. How many more kilograms of chicken than beef did Linda buy?

Missing information: \_\_\_\_\_



**PROBLEM-SOLVING STRATEGIES**

# Make a Table

Jenna works in a seed packaging plant. For quality control, every 4th seed is checked for colour and every 9th seed is checked for size. How often is a seed checked for both size and colour?

Make a table to determine when a seed is checked for both size and colour.

Every 4th seed is checked for colour.

Every 9th seed is checked for size.

The first seed that is checked for both size and colour is the 36th seed.

Every 36th seed is checked for both colour and size.

Number of Seeds

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36

colour ○

size ×

colour and size ⊗

Solve each problem.

**SHOW YOUR WORK**

- Bucket A contains 250 mL of water and bucket B contains 475 mL of water. Both buckets have a leak. Every 30 min bucket A loses 9 mL of water and bucket B loses 54 mL of water. When will each bucket contain the same amount of water? How much water will each bucket hold when they have the same amount of water?

After \_\_\_\_\_ min, buckets A and B will contain \_\_\_\_\_ mL of water each.

- Every 8 min, a washing machine completes one cycle. The machine is turned on at 6:28 A.M. What time is it when the machine completes its fourth cycle?

The fourth cycle is completed at \_\_\_\_\_.

- A film developer charges \$1.00 for each roll of film developed plus \$0.04 for each picture developed. What is the cost for developing a roll with 12 pictures?

Twelve pictures cost \_\_\_\_\_.



## PROBLEM-SOLVING STRATEGIES

## Make a List

Claudia is a T-shirt designer. She wants to have one example of each of the choices from which her clients can choose. Her clients can choose from white or black T-shirts; a blue, red, or green silk-screen design; and designs A, B, or C. How many sample T-shirts must Claudia make?

Claudia will need to make 18 sample T-shirts.

Make a list of all the possible choices.

black, blue, A	black, red, A
black, blue, B	black, red, B
black, blue, C	black, red, C
black, green, A	white, blue, A
black, green, B	white, blue, B
black, green, C	white, blue, C
white, green, A	white, red, A
white, green, B	white, red, B
white, green, C	white, red, C

Count the combinations.

Solve each problem.

**SHOW YOUR WORK**

1. Riley is playing a grid-game on which he can move his game piece either one or three squares forward, one or three squares to the left, or one or three squares to the right. How many ways can Riley move his game piece?

There are \_\_\_\_\_ different ways that Riley can move his game piece.

2. Each time Molly jogs, she listens to one CD. She jogs on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. She rotates in alphabetical order among her four CDs, labelled A, B, C, and D. Which CD will Molly listen to when she jogs the Friday of the third week?

Molly will listen to the CD labelled \_\_\_\_\_ on the Friday of the third week.

3. Paul has four different cards with one of the letters  $m$ ,  $a$ ,  $t$ , and  $h$  written on them. How many different ways can he arrange the letters?

Paul can arrange the letters \_\_\_\_\_ different ways.

## PROBLEM-SOLVING STRATEGIES

## Solve a Simpler Problem

Winona types 70 words in  $3\frac{1}{2}$  min. At this rate, how many words can she type in 32 min?

Winona can type 140 words in 7 min.

Winona types at a rate of 20 words per min.

Winona can type 640 words in 32 min.

If you double both the minutes and the number of words, you will have an equal ratio with whole numbers.

$$70 \times 2 = 140 \qquad 3\frac{1}{2} \times 2 = 7$$

Find the unit rate.

$$140 \div 7 = 20 \qquad 32 \times 20 = 640$$

Solve each problem.

**SHOW YOUR WORK**

1. Leonardo was told that a certain phone card company charges  $7\frac{1}{2}$  cents for  $1\frac{1}{2}$  min of phone time. At this rate, how much would Leonardo pay for a 15-min phone card?

The phone card company charges at a rate of \_\_\_\_\_ per minute.

Leonardo would pay \_\_\_\_\_ for a 15-min phone card.

2. Anna wants to hang new drapes in her room. One window is 1 m 25 cm wide, and the other window is 1 m 75 cm wide. How many metres of fabric should Anna buy? Anna has selected a fabric the same length as the windows.

Anna should buy \_\_\_\_\_ m of fabric.

3. A best-selling novel sold 24 000 copies in 6 weeks. On average, how many copies were sold each week?

On average, \_\_\_\_\_ copies were sold each week.

## PROBLEM-SOLVING STRATEGIES

## Work Backward

Rashida is trying to decide what time to set her alarm so she will be on time for her dental appointment at 9:00 A.M. tomorrow. She needs 45 min to get dressed and eat breakfast. The bus ride to the dentist's office takes 20 min. Rashida would like to be 10 min early so she can give the receptionist her insurance information. What time should Rashida set her alarm?

Rashida should set her alarm for no later than

7:45 A.M.

List the steps in the order they would occur.

1st: 45 min to get dressed and eat breakfast

2nd: 20 min to get to office

3rd: 10 min early arrival

4th: 9:00 A.M. appointment

Work backward from 9:00 A.M.

$$9:00 - 10 \text{ min} = 8:50$$

$$8:50 - 20 \text{ min} = 8:30$$

$$8:30 - 45 \text{ min} = 7:45$$

Solve each problem.

**SHOW YOUR WORK**

1. Robert has an 88% average on his Latin tests. He has had four tests, but can only remember what he scored on three of them. Robert knows he scored 95%, 77%, and 82%. What score did he get on the fourth test?

Robert scored \_\_\_\_\_ % on the fourth test.

2. After deductions, Rafael's paycheque for 12 h of work was \$145. He paid \$1.20 for provincial taxes, \$3.50 for federal taxes, and \$1.50 for pension plan. How much does Rafael get paid per hour?

Rafael earns \_\_\_\_\_ before deductions.

Rafael gets paid \_\_\_\_\_ per hour.

3. Ling is 3 cm taller than Lai. Ling is 2 cm taller than Mei. Kwan is 6 cm taller than Mei. Kwan is 173 cm tall. How tall is Lai?

Lai is \_\_\_\_\_ cm tall.

## PROBLEM-SOLVING STRATEGIES

## Use Estimation

Sofia is on the basketball team. She scored 261 points during last year's 27-game basketball season. About how many points did she score each game?

Estimate compatible numbers.  
Round 261 to 260 and 27 to 26.

$$260 \div 26 = 10$$

Sofia averaged about 10 points per game.

Solve each problem.

**SHOW YOUR WORK**

1. A tour group of 48 people is flying to Venice. Each person is permitted two suitcases. Each suitcase can have a mass of no more than 16 kg. About how many kilograms of luggage will this group have?

The group will have about \_\_\_\_\_ suitcases.

Their luggage will have a mass of about \_\_\_\_\_ kg.

2. There is 750 mL of paint in a can. Julie has 36 cans. Estimate how much paint Julie has.

Julie has about \_\_\_\_\_ mL of paint.

3. Fred has been offered \$13 259 for his collection of 38 original cartoon cels. He paid \$128 for each cel. About how much profit would he make if he accepted the offer?

Fred paid about \_\_\_\_\_ for the 38 cartoon cels.

Fred would make a profit of about \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Tara is helping to load boxes onto a truck. Each box has a mass of 30 kg. The truck cannot exceed a load of 3000 kg. About how many boxes can be loaded onto the truck?

About \_\_\_\_\_ boxes can be loaded onto the truck.

## PROBLEM-SOLVING STRATEGIES

## Use a Formula

On a golf course, a rotating valve sprays water a distance of 12 m in all directions. How large is the area that gets wet? Round to the nearest tenth.

The area of the golf course that gets wet has the shape of a circle.

The formula to find the area is  $A = \pi r^2$ .

The area that gets wet, to the nearest tenth, is about 452.2 m<sup>2</sup>.

Use the formula for area of a circle:  $A = \pi r^2$ . Use 3.14 for  $\pi$ , and 12 m for  $r$ .

$$A = 3.14 \times 12^2$$

$$A = 3.14 \times 144$$

$$A = 452.16$$

To the nearest tenth, 452.16 is about 452.2.

Solve each problem.

SHOW YOUR WORK

1. Joy wants to put a fence around her rectangular yard. Her yard is 30 m wide and 45 m long. How many metres of fence will Joy need?

Joy's yard is in the shape of a \_\_\_\_\_.

Joy should use the formula for \_\_\_\_\_.

Joy needs \_\_\_\_\_ m of fencing.

2. A hole was dug 11.2 m long, 10.2 m wide, and 3 m deep. How many metres of dirt were removed?

The hole has the shape of a \_\_\_\_\_.

The formula for \_\_\_\_\_ should be used.

There were \_\_\_\_\_ m<sup>3</sup> of dirt removed.

3. A picture frame has a length of 18.5 cm and a width of 14.5 cm. What is the perimeter of the picture frame?

The picture frame has a perimeter of \_\_\_\_\_ cm.



## PROBLEM-SOLVING STRATEGIES

## Use Logical Reasoning

Aki, Botan, and Chris collect rocks, baseball cards, and postcards, although not necessarily in that order. Aki is the sister of the baseball card collector. Chris once went to the beach with the rock collector and the baseball card collector. What does each person collect?

Aki collects rocks .

Botan collects baseball cards .

Chris collects postcards .

Use a table to keep track of the facts. First, begin by writing 'no' in the table to mark what each person does not collect.

	Rocks	Baseball cards	Postcards
<b>Aki</b>	yes	no	no
<b>Botan</b>	no	yes	no
<b>Chris</b>	no	no	yes

Indicate your conclusions on the table with 'yes'.

Solve each problem.

**SHOW YOUR WORK**

1. Brian has three solid objects: a cube, a sphere, and a cylinder. The solids are red, green, and blue, although not necessarily in that order. The blue solid is not the cube. The green solid has no edges. What colour is each solid object?

The cube is \_\_\_\_\_.

The sphere is \_\_\_\_\_.

The cylinder is \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Four letters, A, B, C, and D, are each written with a number 1, 2, 3, or 4, although not necessarily in that order. (For example, B3.) The letter A is written with a number greater than 2. The letter B is written with a number less than 2. Neither A nor D is written with an odd number. The letters A–D are written with what numbers?

Letter A is written with the number \_\_\_\_\_.

Letter B is written with the number \_\_\_\_\_.

Letter C is written with the number \_\_\_\_\_.

Letter D is written with the number \_\_\_\_\_.