

Applications of Linear Systems

Learning Target: Students will be able to interpret word problems to write and solve systems of equations.

Steps:

1. Define two variables. Be specific about the quantity they represent.
2. Write a system of two equations.
3. Solve the system using substitution or elimination.
4. Use units to label both answers and check to make sure the answers make sense!

Set up a system of equations and solve.

- 1.) The Rocket Coaster has 15 cars, some that hold 4 people and some that hold 6 people. There is room for 72 people altogether. How many 4-passenger cars are there? How many 6-passenger cars are there?
- 2.) Tickets to the Valentine Dance cost \$3 per person or \$5 per couple. If \$475 worth of tickets were sold and 180 people attended the dance, how many couples were there?
- 3.) Pi High School ordered 40 science books. The next week, the school ordered 30 algebra books. The bill for the first order was \$360 greater than the bill for the second order. The two bills together totaled \$3960. Find the price of an algebra book.
- 4.) To raise money for new uniforms, the band boosters sell t-shirts and hats. The cost of each t-shirt is \$6.00 and the cost for the hat is \$4.00. The boosters spend a total of \$2,000 on t-shirts and hats. The selling prices of the t-shirts are \$10.00 and the selling prices of the hats are \$7.00. They sell all of the merchandise and their revenue is \$3375. How many t-shirts and hats did they sell?

- 5.) Calvin has \$8.80 in pennies and nickels. If there are twice as many nickels as pennies, how many pennies does Calvin have? How many nickels?
- 6.) A total of 78 seats for a concert are sold, producing a total revenue of \$483. If seats cost either \$2.50 or \$10.50, how many \$2.50 seats and how many \$10.50 seats were sold?
- 7.) You enroll in a book club in which you can earn bonus points to use towards the purchase of books. Each paperback book you order cost \$6.95 and earns you 2 bonus points. Each hardcover book costs \$19.95 and earns you 4 bonus points. The first order you place comes to a total of \$60.75 and earns you 14 bonus points. How many of each type of book did you order?
- 8.) Using only 34-cent stamps and 20-cent stamps, Peggy put \$3.52 postage on a package. She used twice as many 34-cent stamps as 20-cent stamps. Determine how many of each type of stamp she used.
- 9.) The graph below was made to compare the coasts of renting copy machines from Company A and from Company B. What information is given by the point of intersection of the two lines.

- A. The number of copies from which the fixed per-month charge is equal to the cost of copies
- B. The price per copy for renting a copier from both companies
- C. The fixed per-month charge for renting a copier from both companies
- D. The number of copies for which the total cost per month is the same for both companies

