



MATH NEWS



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Grade 3, Module 1, Topic B

3rd Grade Math

Module 1: Properties of Multiplication and Division and Solving Problems with Units of 2-5 and 10

Math Parent Letter

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Topic B. Division as an Unknown Factor Problem

Vocabulary Words

- Multiplication
- Unknown
- Quotient
- Division

Things to Remember!!!

When we multiply we want to find the total. When we divide we start with the total and want to find either the number of groups or the size of the group.

There are 20 marbles and 5 children sharing the marbles. The total number of marbles and the number of children that is sharing the marbles is what you know. The **unknown** in this situation is how many marbles per child.

You can think $20 \div 5$ or $5 \times ? = 20$.

$$20 \div 5 = 4$$

4 is the quotient in this problem.

$$5 \times 4 = 20$$

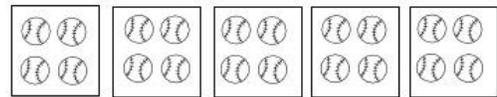
4 is the unknown factor in this problem.

Focus Area– Topic B

Division as an Unknown Factor Problem

Students will be introduced to **division**. They will see **multiplication** as a way to find the total and division as a way to find out how many groups or the size of each group.

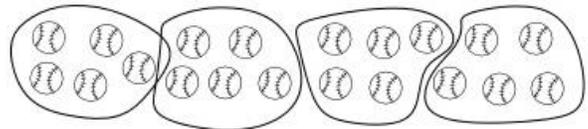
Tony puts 20 baseballs into bags. He divided them equally between 5 tables. Draw the baseballs on each table. (*Students will need to draw what is stated in the word problem*)



There are 4 baseballs on each table.

$$20 \div 5 = 4$$

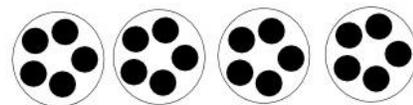
Tracy puts 20 baseballs into bags. Each bag holds 5 balls. Circle the groups of 5 to show the balls in each bag.



Tracy needs 4 bags. $4 \times 5 = 20$ $20 \div 5 = 4$

The numbers in the blank represent the number of groups.

Tracy uses 20 baseballs to make 4 equal groups. Draw to show how many baseballs are in each group.

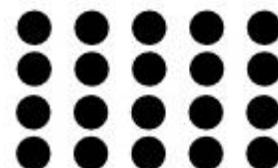


There are 5 baseballs in each group.

$$4 \times 5 = 20 \quad 20 \div 4 = 5$$

The numbers in the blank represent the number in each group.

Use an array to model.



OBJECTIVE OF TOPIC B

- 1 Understand the meaning of the unknown as the size of the group in division.
- 2 Understand the meaning of the unknown as the number of groups in division.
- 3 Interpret the unknown in division using the array model.