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3 Solving Word Problems Involving Repeated Quantity

Worked Example

Sam has \$248.50 less than Tom. Tom has three times as much money as Umar. Given that the boys have \$1077.30 altogether, how much does Sam have?

Solution:



1. Anna and Shayne had 414 cards altogether at first. Shirley then gave 76 cards to Anna. As a result, Shayne had four times as many cards as Anna. How many cards did Anna have at first?

Answer: _____

2. There are 22 blue pens and 18 red pens in a box at first. After some blue pens were added to the box, the number of blue pens becomes $\frac{5}{6}$ of the total number of pens in the end.

Each statement below is either true, false or not possible to tell from the information given. For each statement, put a tick (\checkmark) in the correct column.

| Statement | True | False | Not possible to tell |
|--|------|-------|-------------------------|
| The number of red pens is $\frac{1}{6}$ of the total number of pens in the box in the end. | | | |
| 90 blue pens were added to the box. | | | |

1. Lily had a sum of money. She spent \$140 on a handbag and then spent $\frac{5}{8}$ of the remaining amount on a skirt. She had $\frac{1}{4}$ of her money left. How much money did Lily have at first?

Answer:

Solving Word Problems Involving Before-and-After: Both Quantities Changed

Worked Example

There were 480 red markers and black markers in a box. After $\frac{2}{3}$ of the red markers and $\frac{3}{4}$ of the black markers were taken out, there were $\frac{1}{2}$ as many black as red markers left in the box. How many black markers were there in the box at first?

Solution:



There were 192 black markers in the box at first.

1. At first, Louise had \$88 and Alvin had \$46. Each of them bought a soccer ball at the same price. The amount of money Louise and Alvin had left were in the ratio 5 : 2. How much did the soccer ball cost?

Answer: _____

- 2. Ahmad has 288 more books than Kayla. After both of then donated the same number of books, Ahmad has 4 times as many books as Kayla.
 - (a) How many books did Kayla have in the end?
 - (b) Each of the statements below is either true, false or not possible to tell from the information given. For each statement, put a tick (\checkmark) to indicate your answer.

| | | True | False | Not Possible to Tell |
|------|---|------|-------|-------------------------|
| (i) | Ahmad gave away 100 books. | | | |
| (ii) | After Ahmad gives Kayla 144 books, they will have the same number of books. | | | |



Percentage

