

7WP - Word Problems with Systems

- 1) The school that Elisa goes to is selling tickets to a choral performance. On the first day of ticket sales the school sold 3 senior citizen tickets and 22 student tickets for a total of \$172. The school took in \$194 on the second day by selling 2 senior citizen tickets and 26 student tickets. Find the price of a senior citizen ticket and the price of a student ticket.

Key Information: 1ST DAY - 3 senior + 22 student tickets for \$172
2ND DAY - 2 " " 26 " " \$194

Variables: X = senior tickets \$'s
 Y = student tickets \$'s

Equations: 1) DAY 1 - (3X + 22Y = 172) x 2 ✓
 2) DAY 2 - (2X + 26Y = 194) x -3 ✓

Solve and Check:

$$\begin{array}{r} 6X + 44Y = 344 \\ -6X - 78Y = -582 \\ \hline -34Y = -238 \\ \frac{-34Y}{-34} = \frac{-238}{-34} \\ Y = 7 \end{array}$$

FIND X

$$\begin{array}{r} 3X + 22(7) = 172 \\ 3X + 154 = 172 \\ -154 \quad -154 \\ \hline 3X = 18 \\ \frac{3X}{3} = \frac{18}{3} \\ X = 6 \end{array}$$

Answer (in words)

senior citizen ticket: \$6, student ticket: \$7

- 2) The county fair is a popular field trip destination. This year the senior class at High School A and the senior class at High School B both planned trips there. The senior class at High School A rented and filled 88 vans and 3 buses with 1255 students. High School B rented and filled 22 vans and 100 buses with 3986 students. Each van and each bus carried the same number of students. How many students can a van carry? How many students can a bus carry?

Key Information: HS A: 88 vans - 3 buses - 1,255 students
HS B: 22 vans - 100 buses - 3,986 students

Variables: X = # students in a van
 Y = # students in a bus

Equations: 1) HS A: 88X + 3Y = 1255 ✓
 2) HS B: (22X + 100Y = 3986) x -4 ✓

Solve and Check:

$$\begin{array}{r} 88X + 3Y = 1255 \\ -88X - 400Y = -15944 \\ \hline -397Y = -14,689 \\ \frac{-397Y}{-397} = \frac{-14,689}{-397} \\ Y = 37 \end{array}$$

FIND X

$$\begin{array}{r} 88X + 3(37) = 1255 \\ 88X + 111 = 1255 \\ -111 \quad -111 \\ \hline 88X = 1144 \\ \frac{88X}{88} = \frac{1144}{88} \\ X = 13 \end{array}$$

Remember - Use Calc to Check!!

Answer (in words)

Van hold 13 students and the Bus hold 37 students

- 3) The school that Lea goes to is selling tickets to the annual talent show. On the first day of ticket sales the school sold 64 adult tickets and 5 child tickets for a total of \$926. The school took in \$784 on the second day by selling 23 adult tickets and 77 child tickets. Find the price of an adult ticket and the price of a child ticket.

Key Information: 1ST DAY sold 64 adult + 5 kid tickets for \$926
2ND DAY sold 23 " + 77 " " for \$784

Variables: X = adult ticket \$'s

Y = child ticket \$'s

Equations: 1) DAY 1: $(64x + 5y = 926) \times 23$ ✓

2) DAY 2: $(23x + 77y = 784) \times -64$ ✓

Solve and Check: ✓

$$\begin{array}{r} 1472x + 115y = 21,298 \quad + \\ -1472x - 4928y = -50,176 \quad \downarrow \\ \hline -4813y = -28,878 \\ -4813 \quad -4813 \\ \hline y = 6 \end{array}$$

FIND X

$$64x + 5(6) = 926$$

$$64x + 30 = 926$$

$$-30 \quad -30$$

$$\frac{84x = 896}{64}$$

$$x = 14$$

Answer (in words) ✓

adult ticket: \$14, child ticket: \$6

- 4) Amy and James are selling cheesecakes for a school fundraiser. Customers can buy New York style cheesecakes and chocolate marble cheesecakes. Amy sold 9 New York style cheesecakes and 39 chocolate marble cheesecakes for a total of \$597. James sold 25 New York style cheesecakes and 39 chocolate marble cheesecakes for a total of \$757. Find the cost each of one New York style cheesecake and one chocolate marble cheesecake.

Key Information: Amy sold 9 NY - 39 chocolate - \$597
James " 25 " 39 chocolate - \$757

Variables: X = NY cheesecake \$'s

Y = chocolate cheesecake \$'s

Equations: 1) Amy: $9x + 39y = 597$ ✓

2) James: $(25x + 39y = 757) \times -1$ ✓

Solve and Check: ✓

$$\begin{array}{r} 9x + 39y = 597 \quad + \\ -25x - 39y = -757 \quad \downarrow \\ \hline -16x = -160 \\ -16 \quad -16 \\ \hline x = 10 \end{array}$$

FIND Y

$$9(10) + 39y = 597$$

$$90 + 39y = 597$$

$$-90 \quad -90$$

$$\frac{39y = 507}{39}$$

$$y = 13$$

Answer (in words) ✓

New York style cheesecake: \$10, chocolate marble cheesecake: \$13

5) Beth and Brenda are selling pies for a school fundraiser. Customers can buy apple pies and Maine blueberry pies. Beth sold 14 apple pies and 9 blueberry pies for a total of \$376.20.

Brenda

sold 7 apple pies and 14 blueberry pies for a total of \$372.40. Find the cost each of one apple pie and one Maine blueberry pie.

Key Information:
$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Beth} - 14 \text{ apple} - 9 \text{ blueberry} - \$376.20 \\ \text{Brenda} - 7 \text{ " } - 14 \text{ " } - \$372.40 \end{array}$$

Variables: $X =$ an apple pie \$'s
 $Y =$ a Maine blueberry pie \$'s

Equations: 1) Beth $14x + 9y = 376.20$ ✓
 2) Brenda $(7x + 14y = 372.40) \times -2$ ✓

Solve and Check:

$$\begin{array}{r} 14x + 9y = 376.20 \quad + \\ -14x - 28y = -744.80 \quad \downarrow \\ \hline -19y = -368.60 \\ \hline -19 \quad \quad \quad -19 \\ \hline y = 19.4 \end{array}$$

FIND X

$$\begin{array}{r} 14x + 9(19.4) = 376.20 \\ 14x + 174.6 = 376.20 \\ -174.6 \quad -174.6 \\ \hline 14x = 201.6 \\ \hline 14 \quad \quad \quad 14 \\ \hline x = 14.4 \end{array}$$

Answer (in words) ✓

apple pie: \$14.40, Maine blueberry pie: \$19.40

- 6) Shawna and Ted each improved their yards by planting rose bushes and ornamental grass. They bought their supplies from the same store. Shawna spent \$102.20 on 14 rose bushes and 6 bunches of ornamental grass. Ted spent \$80.50 on 7 rose bushes and 9 bunches of ornamental grass. Find the cost of one rose bush and the cost of one bunch of ornamental grass.

Key Information:

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Shawna} - 14 \text{ rose bushes} - 6 \text{ Grass} - \$102.20 \\ \text{Ted} - 7 \text{ " " } 9 \text{ " } - \$80.50 \end{array}$$

Variables: X = a rose bush \$'s

Y = ornamental grass bunch \$'s

Equations: 1) Shawna: $14x + 6y = 102.20$ ✓
 2) Ted: $(7x + 9y = 80.50) \times -2$ ✓

Solve and Check:

$$\begin{array}{r} 14x + 6y = 102.20 \quad + \\ -14x - 18y = -161.00 \quad \downarrow \\ \hline -12y = -58.8 \\ \hline -12 \quad -12 \\ \hline y = 4.9 \end{array}$$

$$y = 4.9$$

Find x

$$14x + 6(4.9) = 102.20$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 14x + 29.4 = 102.20 \\ -29.4 \quad -29.40 \\ \hline 14x = 72.8 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{14x}{14} = \frac{72.8}{14}$$

$$x = 5.20$$

Answer (in words)

rose bush: \$5.20, bunch of ornamental grass: \$4.90