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LINEAR APPLICATION NOTES

APPLICATION MEANS word problems

STEPS TO SOLVE LINEAR APPLICATIONS

1. Underline IMPORTANT INFORMATION
2. CHOOSE YOUR variable
3. WRITE THE Equation
4. SOLVE

EXAMPLES:

1. Suppose you are helping to prepare a large meal. You can peel 2 carrots per minute. You need 60 peeled carrots. How long will it take you to finish if you have already peeled 18 carrots?

x - minute

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{original} \\ \downarrow \\ 2x + 18 = 60 \\ -18 \quad -18 \\ \hline 2x = 42 \\ \frac{2x}{2} = \frac{42}{2} \end{array}$$

$$x = 21 \text{ minutes}$$

2. Four times a number plus six times a number is equal to 8 times a number plus thirty-four. What is the number?

x - number

$$4x + 6x = 8x + 34$$

$$x = 17$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 10x = 8x + 34 \\ -8x \quad -8x \\ \hline 2x = 34 \\ \frac{2x}{2} = \frac{34}{2} \end{array}$$

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$$I = Prt$$

3. Jane invests a total of \$4,000 in an account. The account pays 4% yearly interest. If she keeps the money in the account for 4 years, answer the following questions.

A. How much interest did Jane earn?

$$I = ? \quad P = 4000 \quad r = 4\% \approx .04 \quad t = 4$$

$$I = 4000 \times .04 \times 4 = \boxed{\$640.00}$$

B. How much money is in the account at the end of the 4 years?

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{orig.} \\ 4000 \end{array} + \begin{array}{r} \text{Interest} \\ 640 \end{array} = \boxed{\$4640.00}$$

Total

4. Cindy has \$60 and her sister has \$120. Cindy is saving \$7 per week and her sister is saving \$5 per week. How long will it be before Cindy and her sister have the same amount of money?

$$x = \begin{array}{l} \text{week} \\ \text{time} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Cindy} \\ 60 + 7x \\ -60 \end{array} = \begin{array}{r} \text{Sister} \\ 120 + 5x \\ -60 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 7x = 60 + 5x \\ -5x \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} -5x \end{array}$$

$$\frac{2x}{2} = \frac{60}{2}$$

$$\boxed{x = 30 \text{ weeks}}$$