Problem Solving: Reading for Math
Choosing an Operation

Choose the correct answer.

Melissa shipped 4 cans of almonds in 2 packages. Each can contained $1\frac{1}{2}$ pounds of almonds.

7. Which of the following statements is true?

   A Both packages contained 4 cans of almonds.

   B One package contained 6 pounds of almonds.

   C Both packages contained 3 pounds of almonds.

   D Each package contained $1\frac{1}{2}$ cans of almonds.

8. To decide which operation to use to solve a problem, you should

   F look for clues in the problem.

   G guess the answer.

   H ignore key words.

   J always subtract first.

Solve.

The table shows the pounds of raisins the Taylor family made from their grapes last week. Use data from the table for problems 9–14.

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pounds of Raisins	$5\frac{3}{8}$	$3\frac{1}{8}$	$4\frac{3}{4}$	$6\frac{7}{8}$	$2\frac{1}{4}$

9. How many pounds of raisins were made on Monday and Tuesday?

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10. How many more pounds of raisins were made on Thursday than on Tuesday?

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11. What is the difference in the amount of raisins made on Wednesday and on Friday?

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12. How many pounds of raisins were made on Wednesday and on Friday altogether?

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13. How many more pounds of raisins were made on Thursday than on Monday?

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14. Estimate the total amount of raisins made during the five days listed.

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