# $7(1) 7$ Problem solving - Model Division 

How can you use the strategy act it out to solve problems with equal groups?

## Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills

## TIEKS Number and Operations-3.4.H

Determine the number of objects in each group when a set of objects is partitioned into equal shares or a set of objects is shared equally
3.4.K Solve one-step and two-step problems involving multiplication and division within 100 using strategies based on objects; pictorial models, including arrays, area models, and equal groups; properties of operations; or recall of facts MATHEMATICAL PROCESSES
3.1.A Apply mathematics to problems
3.1.B Use a problem-solving model

## Are You Ready?

Access Prior Knowledge
Use the Are You Ready? 10.1 in the Assessment Guide to assess students' understanding of the prerequisite skills for this lesson.

## Vocabulary



Multimedia eGlossary at
thinkcentral.com

## Materials

counters

## Using the Digital Lesson

To help students prepare for dividing equal groups with counters, you may wish to use counters to model multiplication. For example, have students make three groups of two counters each, count the total, and state the multiplication.

## Learning Task

What is the problem the students are trying to solve? Connect the story to the problem.

- How many students are taking a ride in the hot-air balloon? (30)
- How many trips does the hot-air balloon make? (6)
- Are there an equal number of students on each trip? (Yes)
- What does Doc want to find out? (How many students will be in each group)


## Literacy and Mathematics

Choose one or more of the following activities.

- Help students visualize the scenario of the problem. Ask them about times they have needed to divide into groups, such as sitting at lunch tables or sharing pieces of food. Depending on the number of students in the class, give them the opportunity to divide themselves into several equal groups.
- Have students research hot-air balloons, finding out how many people they can carry, and how fast, high, and long they can fly.



## Resources

DIGITAL

## For the student

Interactive Student Edition provides students with an interactive learning environment!


Math on the Spot Video Tutor

[^0]For the teacher
Digital Management Center organizes program resources by TEKS!
eTeacher
Edition


Online Assessment System

## Unlock the Problem

After students read the problem, discuss how they will use the information in the problem to answer the question. Be sure students understand that they need to find how many flowers will go in each of 4 vases.

- How does acting out the problem help to solve it? Possible answer: you can be sure you have done what the problem asks.
- Did you find the number of equal groups or the number in each group in this problem? Explain.
the number in each group; possible explanation: the problem tells how many vases, or groups, there are. Finding how many flowers go in each vase is finding the number in each group.
- How do you know your answer is correct? Possible answer: there are 4 counters in each of 4 groups, which equals 16 counters, so I know my answer is correct.

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Essential Question
How can you use the strategy act it out to solve
                                    problems with equal groups?
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## ? Unlock the Problem

Stacy has 16 flowers. She puts an equal number of flowers in each of 4 vases. How many flowers does Stacy put in each vase?

Use the graphic organizer below to solve the problem.

| Read | Solve |
| :---: | :---: |
| What do I need to find? | the problem to solve. |
| of flowers Stacy puts in | First, count out _ 16 _ counter |
|  | Next, make_ 4 equal groups. Place 1 counter at a time in each group until all 16 counters are used. |
| What information am I given? |  |
| Stacy has 16 $\qquad$ flowers. She puts an equal number | Last, draw the equal groups by completing the picture below. |

She puts an equal number of flowers in each of

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4 \text { vases. }
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Plan
What is my plan or strategy?
I will act out the problem
by making equal groups with counters.
Check students' drawings. There should be 4 counters in each group.


So, Stacy puts 4 flowers in each vase.

# Differentiated Instruction 

## ELL Language Support

## ELPS 1.B.1, 4.C.4, 4.F.9

## Strategy: Rephrase

Materials: counters

- Read this problem: I have 12 cookies that I want to share without breaking the cookies. How many different numbers of people can share them equally?
- Have students rephrase the problem either verbally or with models.
- If students need help, write these sentence starters on the board: I have 12 cookies to share. I do not want to break the cookies.
 Have students read the sentence starters, and then help each other rephrase the question.

Hayden is planning a party. He bakes 21 cookies. If he plans to give each person 3 cookies, how many people will be at his party?

| Read | Solve |
| :---: | :---: |
| What do I need to find? <br> I need to find the number of people who will be at Hayden's party. | Describe how to act out the problem to solve. |
|  | First, count out 21 counters. |
|  | Next, make a group of 3. Keep making groups of 3 until all 21 counters are in groups. |
| What information am I given? | Then, draw the groups to show the number of groups of 3 . |
| Hayden bakes 21 cookies. He plans to give each person 3 cookies. | Last, count the number of equal groups. There are 7 equal groups, so there will be 7 people at Hayden's party. |
| Plan |  |
| What is my plan or strategy? |  |
| I will act out the problem by making equal groups with counters. |  |

- How can you check that your answer is reasonable?

Possible answer: you can skip count by 3s to 21, and then count the
number of times you counted by 3 . Or you can use repeated addition.
$3+3+3+3+3+3+3=21$

Possible explanation: I can picture the action in the problem and this helps me understand how to solve it.

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## Enrich <br> Visual / Kinesthetic <br> Individual

Materials: square tiles, counters

- Display this arrangement using counters in groups or square tiles in an array.
- Have students write a two-step
 word problem that can be solved by using the model. For example: Kyle had 30 cookies. He put half the cookies on 3 plates. He put the same number of cookies on each plate. How many cookies did Kyle put on each plate? 5 cookies
- Repeat the activity with other arrangements.


## Try Another Problem

Have students answer the questions in the graphic organizer and solve the problem. When students finish, invite them to share their descriptions of how they acted out the problem.

- In this problem, did you find the number of equal groups or the number in each group? Explain.
I found how many equal groups; possible explanation: the problem gives how many are in each group, 3 cookies. I need to find how many equal groups, or how many people.
- How did you know you needed to break apart 21 into smaller groups to solve the problem?
Possible answer: I need to break apart 21 cookies into groups of 3 because each person will get 3 cookies.
- If Hayden had 22 cookies, would the answer change? Explain. No, but there would be 1 cookie left over.


## Math Talk

Use Math Talk to focus on students' understanding of how to use the strategy act it out to solve a problem.

As students complete the problems on the following pages, watch for the common error described below.

## COMMON ERRORS

Error Students may draw correct pictures of equal groups, but then use the wrong number for the number in each group.

Example


3 in each group
Springboard to Learning Tell students to check their pictures to be sure they make sense. Have them read the problem aloud and check to be sure their pictures match the information in the problem. Work with students to help them check their work.

## (4) the 5 Es ELABORATE

## Share and Show

The first problem connects to the learning model. Have students use the MathBoard to explain their thinking.
Problem 2 requires students to apply the learning model to another situation.

- What other arrangement of stacks of cups could Sue make with 24 cups? Possible answer: 3 stacks of 8


## RtI Quick Check

IF a student misses the checked exercises

THEN Differentiate Instruction with Rtl Tier 1 Lesson 45

## Problem Solving

## H.O.T. Problems

Problem 3 is a multi-step problem for which students must first find the total number of children in order to find the number of teams.

For Problem 4, have students make a list of all the possible ways to put the 12 cookies equally on plates. Their lists should include the following: 1 plate of 12 , 2 plates of 6,3 plates of 4,4 plates of 3,6 plates of 2 , and 12 plates of 1 .

## Go Deeper

To extend students' thinking, have them write multiplication equations to prove that their answer to Problem 4 is correct.

## Math on the Spot Video Tutor

Through the Math on the Spot Video Tutor, students will be guided through an interactive solving of this type of H.O.T. problem. Use this video to also help students solve the H.O.T. problem in the Interactive Student Edition. With these videos and the H.O.T. problems, students will build skills needed in the TEXAS assessment.

Math on the Spot videos are in the Interactive Student Edition and at thinkcentral.com.

Share and Show


1. Sue is having a party. She has 16 cups. She puts them in 2 equal stacks. How many cups are in each stack?
First, decide how to act out the problem.
You can use counters to represent the ___ cups
You can draw _ circles to represent the stacks.
Then, draw to find the number of _ups in each stack.

2. What if Sue has 24 cups and puts 4 cups in each stack? If she already made 4 stacks, how many more stacks can she make with the remaining cups?
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Problem Solving
3. H.O.T. Multi-Step At Luke's school party, the children get into teams of 5 to play a game. If there are 20 boys and 15 girls, how many teams are there?
4. H.O.T. Evaluate You have 12 cookies. How many ways can the cookies be put equally on any number of plates?

6 ways

## Differentiated Instruction



## Daily Assessment Task

Fill in the bubble for the correct answer choice. You may use objects or models to solve.
5. Angie is having a tie-dye party. There are 20 T -shirts in 4 buckets of dye. There is the same number of T-shirts in each bucket. How many T-shirts are in each bucket?
(A) 16

- 5
(B) 8
(D) 24

6. Analyze Gabriel has 27 fish in 3 tanks. He has the same number of fish in each tank. How many fish are in each tank?

- 9
(C) 30
(B) 24
(D) 8

7. Multi-Step Ira and his brother share a model car collection. Ira has 25 cars, and his brother has 15 cars. They store the model cars on a bookshelf, and place the same number of cars on each shelf. There are 5 shelves. How many model cars are on each shelf?
(A) 35
(B) 40
(C) 5

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## TEXAS Test Prep

8. Apply Miguel bought 18 party favors. He gave 2 party favors to each of the children at his party. How many children were at Miguel's party?
(A) 8

- 9
(B) 16
(D) 20


## Differentiated Centers Kit



## Literature

## Sports Camp

Students read about how division is used to make groups at a sports camp.


## Activities

Dividing Nickels
Students complete blue Activity Card 9 by using nickels to divide by five.

## (5) EJALLUATE

## Daily Assessment Task

## RtI

Can students use the strategy act it out to solve problems with equal groups?

- Soar to Success Math Warm-Up 13.23
- Enrich 46
- Homework and Practice Lesson 10.1


## TEXAS Test Prep Coach

Test Prep Coach helps teachers to identify common errors that students can make.

In the Test Prep exercise, if students selected:
A They incorrectly made equal groups of 2 .
B They subtracted 2 from 18 .
D They added 18 and 2.

How can you use the strategy act it out to solve problems with equal groups? Possible answer: use objects to model what is going on in the problem.

## (5) EVALLUATE

Homework
and Practice os
Model Division
Draw to solve the problem. Check students'

1. Greg has 15 marbles. He puts them in 3 equal groups. How many marbles are in each group?

There are 15 marbles.
There are 3 groups.
So, there are $\quad 5$ in each group.
2. Yuri has 12 counters. He puts them in 2 equal groups. How many counters are in each group?
There are 12 counters.
There are 2 groups.
So, there are $\quad 6 \quad$ in each group.


## Problem Solving

3. A farmer puts an equal number of fruit in each of 6 baskets. If there are 18 pears and 24 peaches, how many pieces of fruit are in each basket?

## Lesson Check

## TEXAS Test Prep

## Fill in the bubble completely to show your answer.

5. Gordy makes 24 muffins. Each tray has 6 muffins. How many trays does Gordy have?
(A) 18
(B) 6

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Sonja has 28 photos in an album. Each page has 4 photos. How many pages have photos?
(A) 9
(B) 24
(C) 8

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8. Cara works in a cycle shop. She has 18 wheels for tricycles. If each tricycle needs 3 wheels, how many tricycles can she put together?
(A) 21
(B) 5
(C) 15

- 6

10. Multi-Step Shana has 23 comic books and 19 coloring books. She puts them into 6 equal stacks. How many books are in each stack?

- 7
(B) 8
(C) 42
(D) 6


## Homework and Practice

Use the Homework and Practice pages to provide students with more practice on the concepts and skills of this lesson.


[^0]:    iTools Virtual Manipulatives

    Soar to Success Math Online Intervention

