Rates and Percents

Lesson 5 Finding Unit Prices

Standards 6.RP.A.3b

Learning target I can compare unit prices to find the better buy.

Materials Ratio tables, price labels, pencils, optional double number lines.

Lesson Flow 50 Minutes

0–5 Activate prior knowledge. Read the learning target. Ask students what they already know about finding unit prices. Use a quick model or estimate to make their starting ideas visible.

5–17 Teach and model. Divide total cost by the number of items or units. Compare costs for exactly one of the same unit. A lower package price does not always give a lower unit price. Work through the two examples on the attached instruction page. Have students name the first step before showing it.

17–22 Guided practice. Revisit worked Example 2 with its solution covered. Students propose the next step and explain why it is valid; uncover and compare with the worked solution.

22–45 Independent classwork. Assign the attached 10 questions in order. Check items 1–3 for entry-level understanding, 4–6 for connected procedures, 7–8 for representation and explanation, and 9–10 for application or justification. Ask students to use the instruction-page notes area or extra grids for longer work.

45–50 Check understanding. Use classwork question 10 as an exit discussion: Pack A has 3 markers for $7.5; Pack B has 8 markers for $24. Find each unit price and the better buy. How much would 24 markers cost using each pack size? Compare the result with the answer key and ask a student to defend the method.

Support and Extension

Support Model item 1 together with the listed tools, then have students attempt item 2 independently. Watch rate units, reference wholes, and confusing percent with its decimal form.

Extension Ask students to solve a final item another way, draw a second representation, or create a related problem with a checked answer.

Next step Record which students can explain the target independently. Begin the next teaching session with a brief correction for any recurring error.

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Learn and Discuss

Divide total cost by the number of items or units. Compare costs for exactly one of the same unit. A lower package price does not always give a lower unit price.

Example 1 Pack A has 4 markers for $24; Pack B has 8 markers for $52. Find each unit price and the better buy.
Solution A $6/marker; B $6.5/marker; A is cheaper. Divide each price by its marker count; compare 6 with 6.5.
Example 2 Pack A has 6 markers for $6; Pack B has 12 markers for $18. Find each unit price and the better buy. How much would 72 markers cost using each pack size?
Solution A $1/marker; B $1.5/marker; A is cheaper; A $72, B $108. Divide each price by its marker count; compare 1 with 1.5.

Classwork Show Your Work

Complete the 10 problems on the following page. Refer to the examples, draw models, and check your results.

My Notes or Second Method

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Name _____ Show calculations, models, and units.

1. Pack A has 5 markers for $15; Pack B has 8 markers for $28. Find each unit price and the better buy.

2. Pack A has 7 markers for $14; Pack B has 10 markers for $25. Find each unit price and the better buy.

3. Pack A has 7 markers for $42; Pack B has 12 markers for $78. Find each unit price and the better buy.

4. Pack A has 5 markers for $10; Pack B has 8 markers for $20. Find each unit price and the better buy.

5. Pack A has 3 markers for $10.5; Pack B has 9 markers for $36. Find each unit price and the better buy.

6. Pack A has 6 markers for $15; Pack B has 10 markers for $30. Find each unit price and the better buy.

7. Pack A has 2 markers for $5; Pack B has 6 markers for $18. Find each unit price and the better buy. How much would 12 markers cost using each pack size?

8. Pack A has 7 markers for $17.5; Pack B has 13 markers for $39. Find each unit price and the better buy. How much would 91 markers cost using each pack size?

9. Pack A has 7 markers for $28; Pack B has 10 markers for $45. Find each unit price and the better buy. How much would 70 markers cost using each pack size?

10. Pack A has 3 markers for $7.5; Pack B has 8 markers for $24. Find each unit price and the better buy. How much would 24 markers cost using each pack size?

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1. A $3/marker; B $3.5/marker; A is cheaper
Reasoning Divide each price by its marker count; compare 3 with 3.5.

2. A $2/marker; B $2.5/marker; A is cheaper
Reasoning Divide each price by its marker count; compare 2 with 2.5.

3. A $6/marker; B $6.5/marker; A is cheaper
Reasoning Divide each price by its marker count; compare 6 with 6.5.

4. A $2/marker; B $2.5/marker; A is cheaper
Reasoning Divide each price by its marker count; compare 2 with 2.5.

5. A $3.5/marker; B $4/marker; A is cheaper
Reasoning Divide each price by its marker count; compare 3.5 with 4.

6. A $2.5/marker; B $3/marker; A is cheaper
Reasoning Divide each price by its marker count; compare 2.5 with 3.

7. A $2.5/marker; B $3/marker; A is cheaper; A $30, B $36
Reasoning Divide each price by its marker count; compare 2.5 with 3.

8. A $2.5/marker; B $3/marker; A is cheaper; A $227.5, B $273
Reasoning Divide each price by its marker count; compare 2.5 with 3.

9. A $4/marker; B $4.5/marker; A is cheaper; A $280, B $315
Reasoning Divide each price by its marker count; compare 4 with 4.5.

10. A $2.5/marker; B $3/marker; A is cheaper; A $60, B $72
Reasoning Divide each price by its marker count; compare 2.5 with 3.