

# It's A New World Out There

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Do We Want our  
Students to be  
Prepared for it?



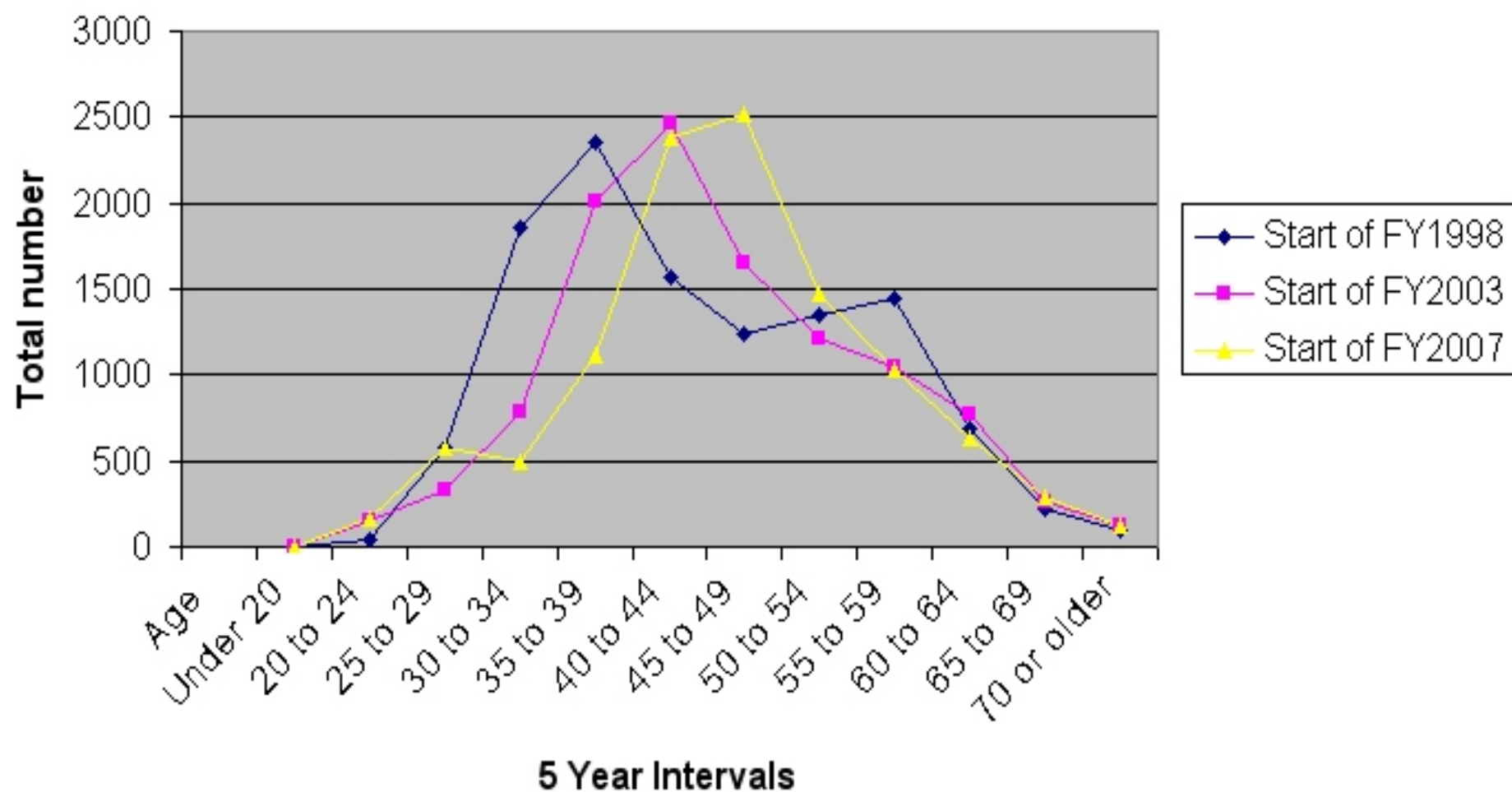


# New Jobs Require More Education than Ever Before

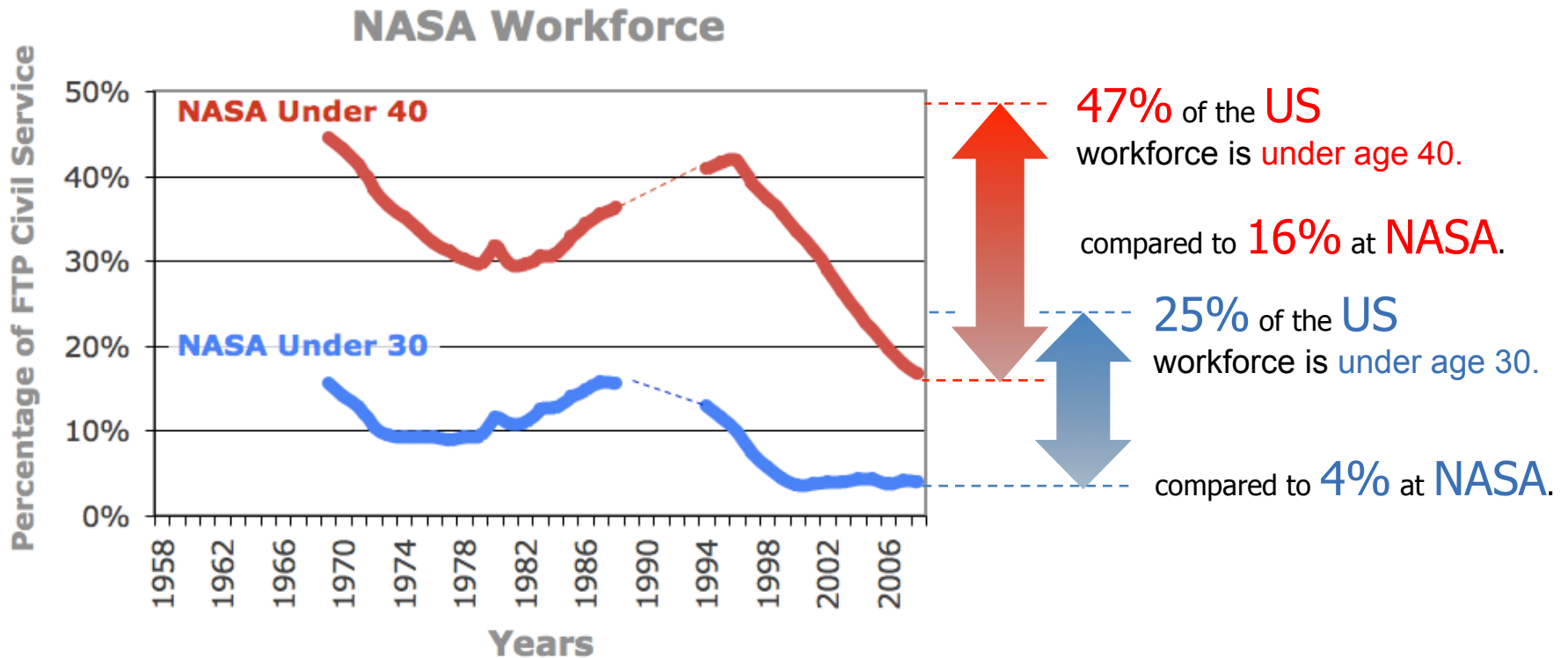
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- Top economists estimate that 2/3 of new jobs will require some college
- 1/3, the best paying, will require a college degree – usually in a technical (STEM) area.
- Over 80% of high school graduates attempt college today. Most do not succeed

## Ages NASA Scientists and Engineers



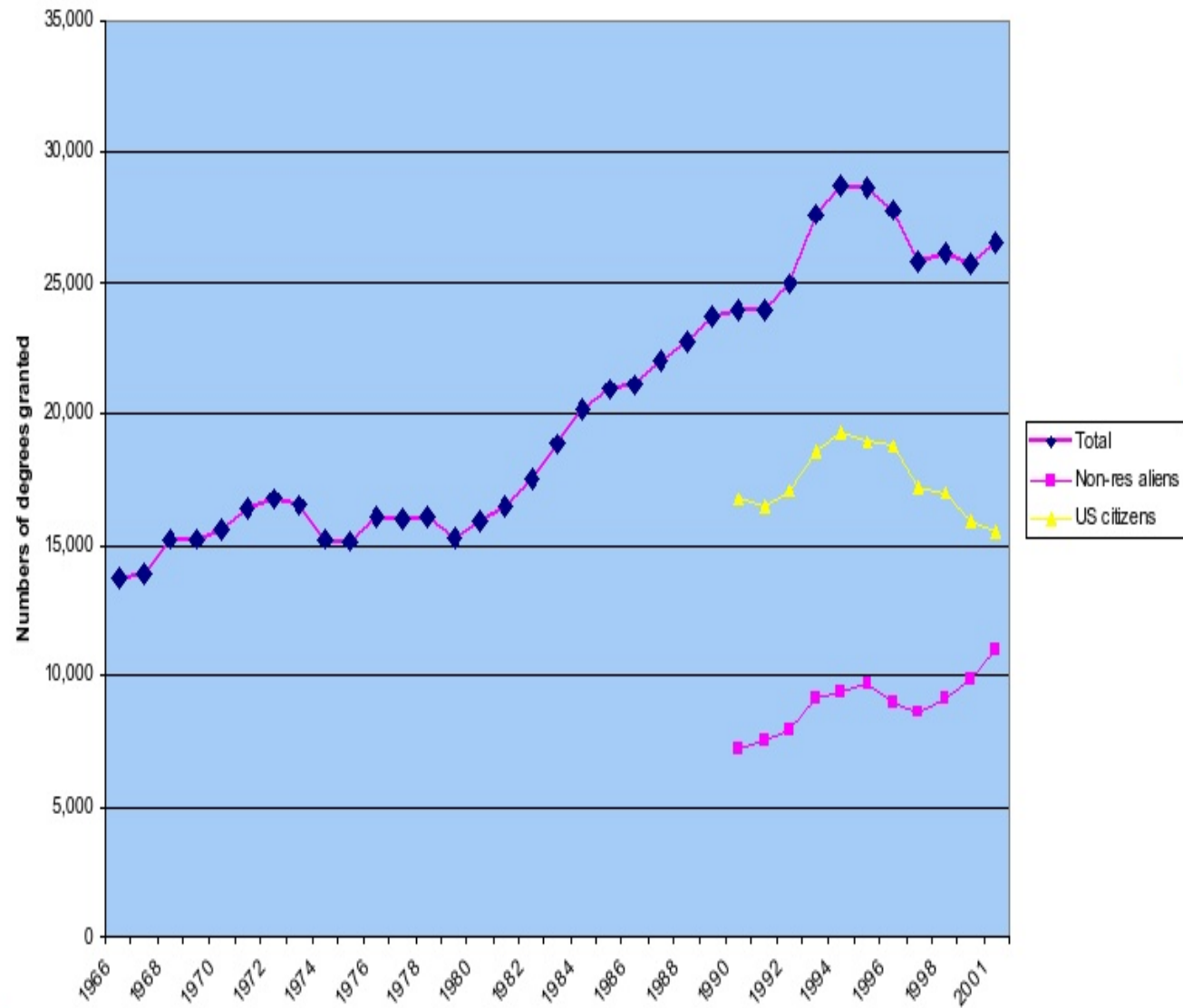
The younger workforce at NASA is at an **all time low**.

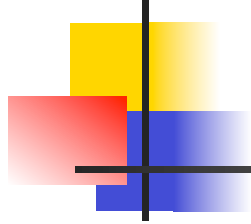






## Total Masters Degrees in Engineering by Year





It is interesting to note that,  
as a government agency,  
NASA can only hire U.S.  
Citizens

Math is Key





# We put more “material” in the lower grades

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- We’ve added data analysis, statistics, and aspects of the “new math” including problem solving, Euclidian transformations and simple combinatorics since I was young.



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And Our Outcomes  
Keep Getting Worse.



# An eighth grade Maryland State Assessment Question

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## (1) Selected Response Sample

Look at the sequence below.

2, 6, 18, 54, . . .

What is the eighth number in the sequence?

- A. 162
- B. 234
- C. 1,458
- D. 4,374

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Answer: Who knows, it can be anything you want it to be



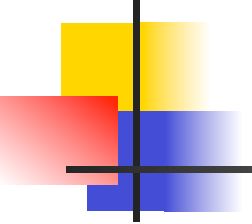
# A Problem from the NAEP

Puppy's Age	Puppy's Weight
1 month	10 lbs.
2 months	15 lbs.
3 months	19 lbs.
4 months	22 lbs.
5 months	?

24. John records the weight of his puppy every month in a chart like the one shown above. If the pattern of the puppy's weight gain continues, how many pounds will the puppy weigh at 5 months?

**This problem is not well posed.**

- A) 30
- B) 27
- C) 25
- D) 24



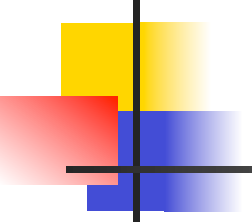
# Recently NCTM and the Math Community have worked together on these issues

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- The result is the NCTM Focal Points.
- Three major topics per year
- When one looks at the overall structure, they align pretty well with what is done in high achieving countries.

# There are six topics students need to learn in K-7 – they must be learned to mastery

- Numbers, number operations and place value
- Fractions and decimals
- Ratios, rates, percents and proportions
- Core processes (algebra)
- Functions and equations
- Measurement and basic geometry



But it isn't just a focus on fewer topics. These topics should be learned as mathematics, rather than vocabulary or factoids.

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# Kindergarten: Typical U.S. Lesson from Above average Program

Very cute. But it  
Does not focus in  
On the mathematics,  
Rather it is about  
Vocabulary.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Algebra**  
**Fewest, Most**

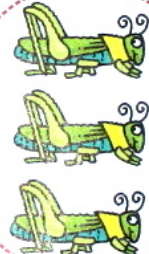
**Let's Learn!**



fewest



most



**Directions**



Circle in blue the group that has the fewest.  
Circle in red the group that has the most.

**Talk It Over**

For three groups of objects, how can you decide which group has the fewest and which group has the most?



# Kindergarten: Typical U.S. Lesson from Above average Program

Note that the lesson  
Is not focused,  
Concepts are diffused  
By vocabulary.

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## Numbers 1 Through 4

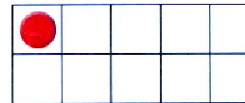
### Let's Learn!

Numbers show how many.



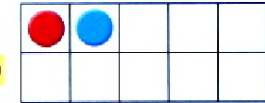
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one



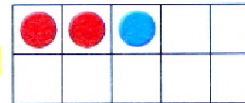
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two



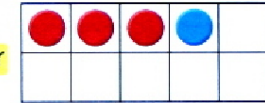
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three



4

four



This is a ten-frame.

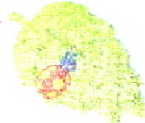
### Math Words

numbers  
one two  
three four

How many  ?

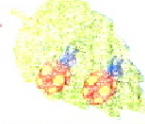
Write the number and the number word.

1.



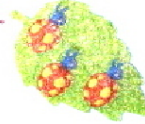
one

2.



two

3.



three

4.

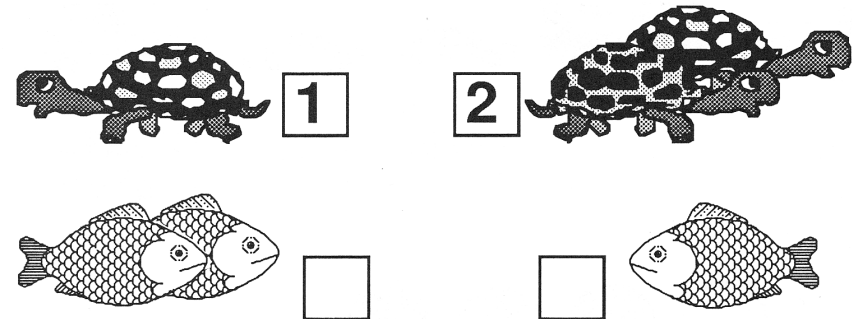
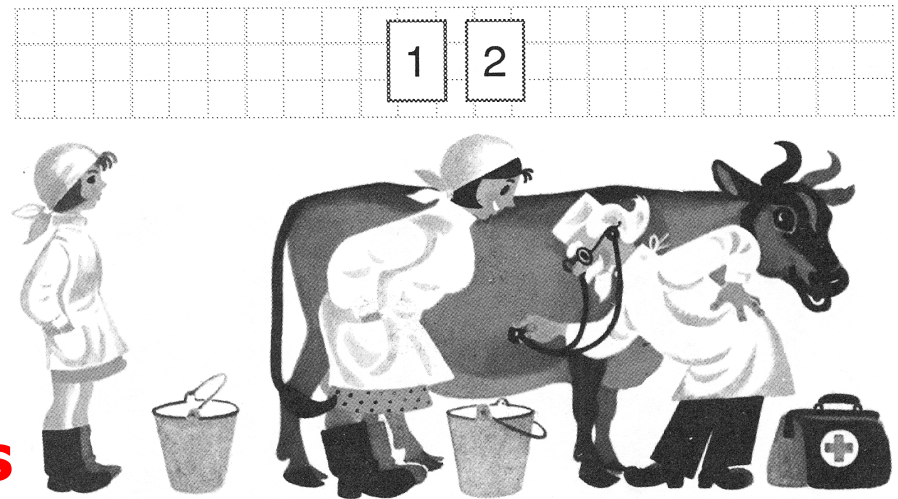


four

### Talk It Over

5. Name things that come in groups of 2 and 4.

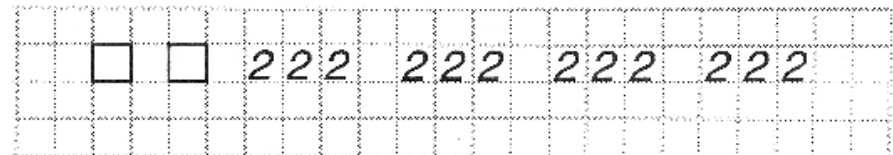
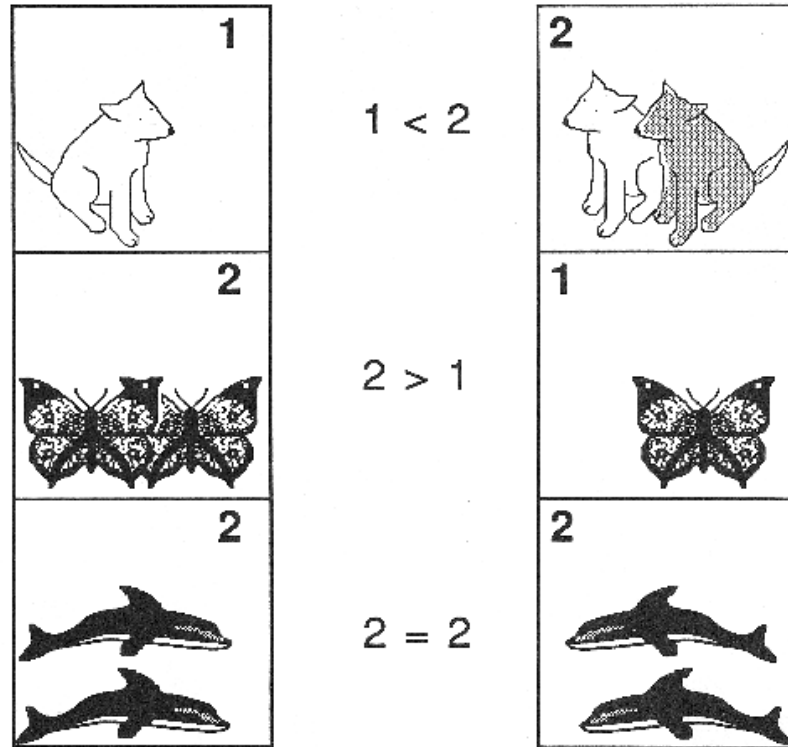
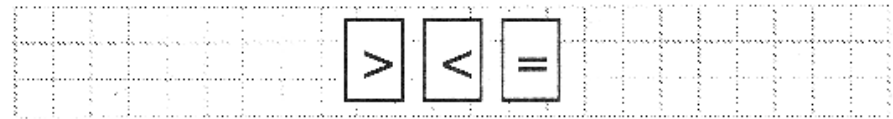
**First few lessons**  
**From first grade**  
**Russian text:**  
**Progenitor for**  
**Almost all programs**  
**In high achieving**  
**countries**



There are no  
 Words, just 2 key  
 Concepts and  
 The corresponding  
 Math symbols, not  
 vocabulary

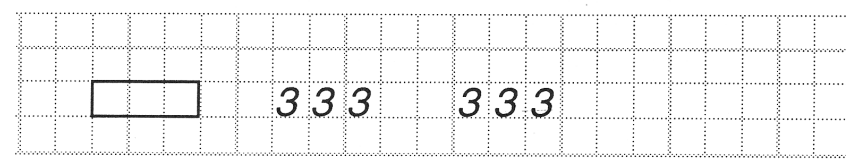
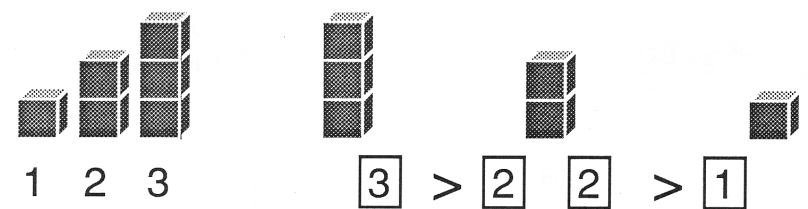
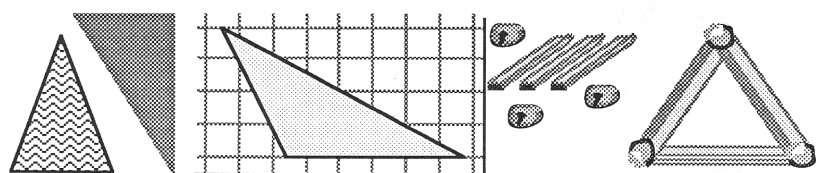
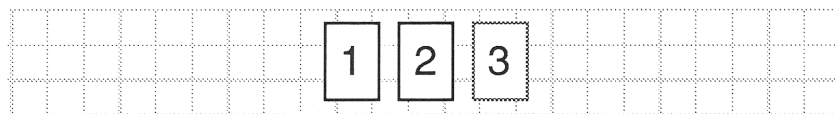
**The quick  
introduction  
Of key concepts  
Takes advantage  
Of fact that small  
Numbers are  
Basically hard  
wired**

Again, note absence  
Of anything but  
Math concepts and  
Symbols



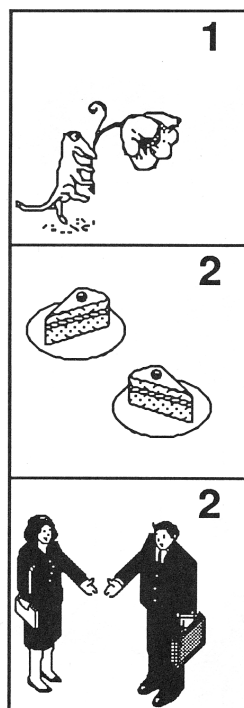
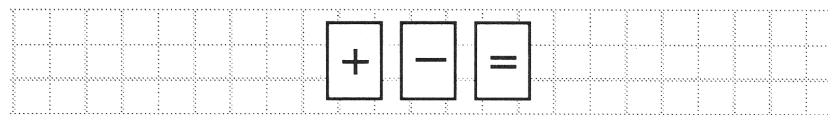


Exposed in their purest  
Form without distractions





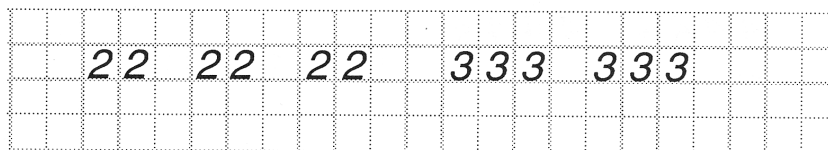
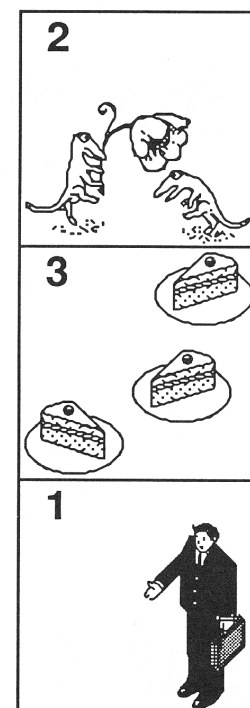
In these few earliest  
 Lessons the concepts  
 And symbols, =, + -, <, >  
 Have been explained  
 And used in a context  
 Students can understand



$$1 + 1 = 2$$

$$2 + 1 = 3$$

$$2 - 1 = 1$$





Our schools can  
Say “Mary’s ahead  
Of the curve. She  
Knows the numbers  
Through 12, and her  
Competition only knows  
Them through 5.”

But at best all Mary  
Really knows are some  
Counting words.

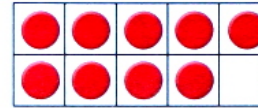
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## Numbers 10 Through 12

### Let's Learn!

10

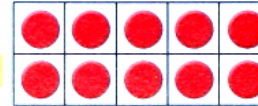
ten



10 counters fill  
the ten-frame.

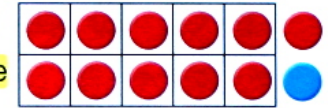
11

eleven



12

twelve

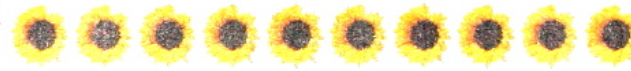


### Math Words

ten  
eleven  
twelve

Write the number and the number word.

1.



10

ten

ten

2.



11

eleven

eleven

3.



12

twelve

twelve

### Talk It Over

4. 11 is how many more than 10?  
12 is how many more than 10?





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# Another Huge Problem is Place Value

# Third Grade Better than Average U.S. Lesson on Place Value

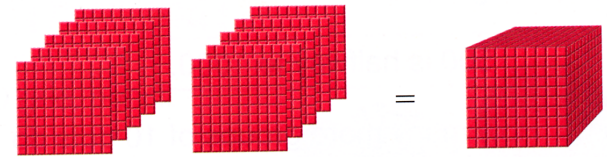
Note Focus on  
Manipulatives  
Linear model  
For 10's, area for  
100's, volume for  
1000's

1-6

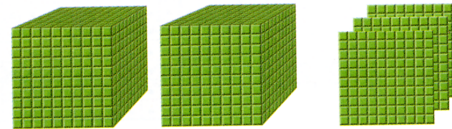
Update your skills. See page 1.

## Thousands

Lisa wrote the number she modeled in different ways.



10 hundreds = 1 thousand  
10 hundreds = 1000



2 thousands  
2,000

+

3 hundreds  
300

+

1 ten  
10

+

4 ones  
4

Expanded Form

2,314  
2,314

Standard Form

Read 2,314 as: two thousand, three hundred fourteen.

Study these examples.

Look at the place-value chart.

Four-digit numbers may be written with or without a comma.

thousands	hundreds	tens	ones
6	2	7	0
5	0	0	4
3	0	1	5
9	6	0	0

Expanded Form

Standard Form

→ 6,000 + 200 + 70 + 0

6,270

→ 5,000 + 0 + 0 + 4

5,004

→ 3,000 + 0 + 10 + 5

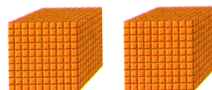
3,015

→ 9,000 + 600 + 0 + 0

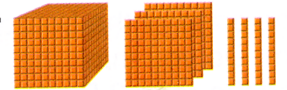
9,600

Write the number in standard form.

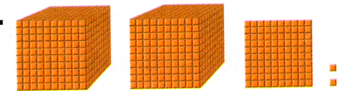
1.



2.



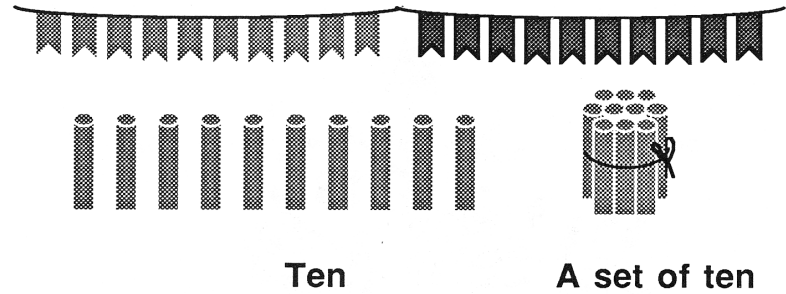
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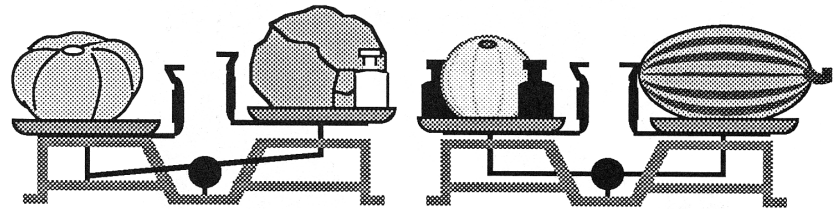
# First Grade Russian

## Text: Place Value

The numbers from 11 to 20.



1. How many sets of 10 are there?
2.  $x + 7 = 10$                    $6 + x = 8$                    $x + 4 = 9$
3. A pumpkin weighs 8 kg and a cabbage weighs 4 kg less. How much does the cabbage weigh?

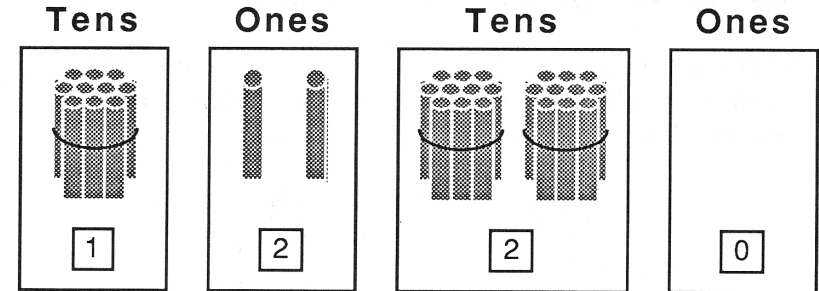


A cantaloupe weighs 5 kg and a watermelon weighs 4 kg more than the cantaloupe. How much does the watermelon weigh?

4.  $7 - 4$                    $9 - 6$                    $6 + 2 - 1$                    $8 - 2 - 2$   
 $7 - 5$                    $9 - 5$                    $5 + 2 - 1$                    $8 - 2 - 6$   
 $7 - 6$                    $9 - 4$                    $7 + 2 - 1$                    $10 - 3 - 2$

# First Grade: Russian Text: Models for Place Value.

22.  $4 + 5 - 6$        $1 + 5 - 6$        $10 - 8 + 6$        $9 - 8 + 6$   
 $3 + 5 - 6$        $2 + 5 - 6$        $10 - 7 + 6$        $9 - 5 + 6$



What numbers are written in the tables?

Write the number which contains 1 ten and 8 ones.

23. What does each digit in the following numbers stand for: 15, 13, 18, 11, 10, 20?

24. Measure the length of the strips in decimeters and centimeters and write down the numbers you get.



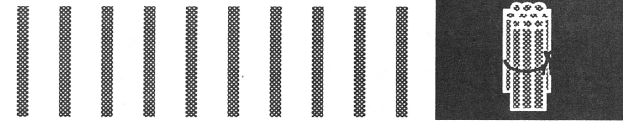
25. 10 kg of currants were gathered from two currant bushes. 6 kg of currants were gathered from the first bush. How many kg of currants were gathered from the second bush?
26. 9 kg of currants were gathered in a garden. This was 2 kg more than the amount of raspberries gathered. How many kilograms of raspberries were gathered in the garden?

27.  $1 + 9 - 7$        $10 - 9 + 8$        $2 + 7 - 9$        $3 + 7 - 4$   
 $10 - 2 - 7$        $9 - 7 + 8$        $4 + 6 - 10$        $4 + 5 - 3$

Especially note use of  
Decimeters for putting  
(2 place) Place value  
on number line

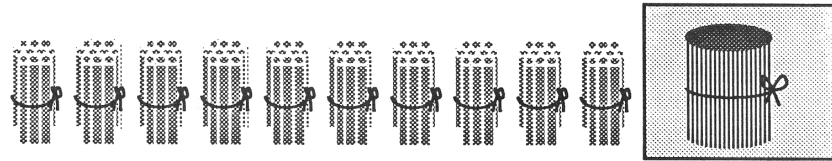
## Numbering

886. (1) Count the individual sticks from 1 to 10.



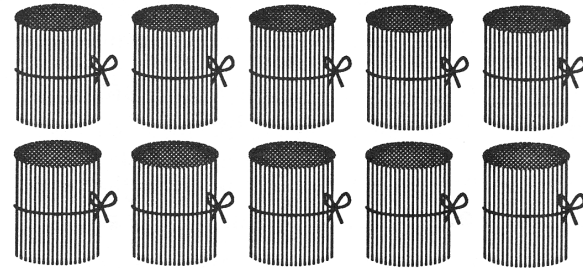
10 sticks form a set of ten sticks.

(2) Count the sets of ten sticks.



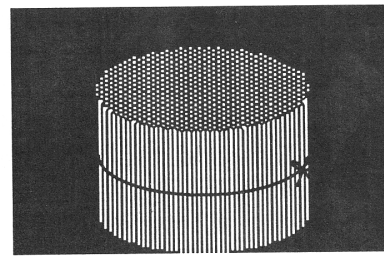
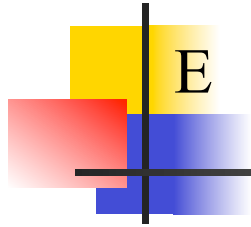
10 sets of ten sticks form one hundred sticks.

(3) Count the sets of one hundred:



**Second Grade: Russian  
Text. Note consistency  
Of models for higher  
Places and tight focus**

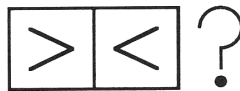
## Even 1000's are Consistent



1 set of one hundred	-	<b>one hundred</b>
2 sets of one hundred	-	<b>two hundred</b>
3 sets of one hundred	-	<b>three hundred</b>
4 sets of one hundred	-	<b>four hundred</b>
5 sets of one hundred	-	<b>five hundred</b>
6 sets of one hundred	-	<b>six hundred</b>
7 sets of one hundred	-	<b>seven hundred</b>
8 sets of one hundred	-	<b>eight hundred</b>
9 sets of one hundred	-	<b>nine hundred</b>
10 sets of one hundred	-	<b>one thousand</b>

887. (1) Count by tens from seventy to one hundred.
- (2) Count backward by tens from one hundred to sixty.
- (3) Count by hundreds from eight hundred to one thousand.
- (4) Count backward by hundreds from one thousand to five hundred.

888.



5 m 2 dm \* 2 m 5 dm  
 6 m 7 dm \* 7 m 1 dm  
 3 m 2 dm \* 8 dm  
 8 m 2 dm \* 6 m 9 dm

Consistent models make  
 Comparison easier.  
 Note attention to  
 Comparisons





Note the level of  
The problems in the  
Second grade Russian  
Text – that's what  
Proper focus does  
For you

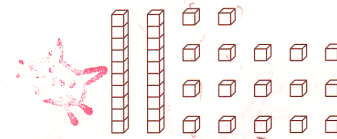
918. Draw in your workbook a rectangle with sides of 9 cm and 6 cm and calculate its perimeter.
919. A woman used 14 kg of potatoes in a week (7 days). How many kilograms of potatoes are needed for 4 days at the same daily rate?



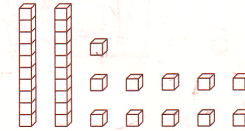
920. On Monday 75 children visited the school library, on Tuesday 25 fewer children, and on Wednesday two times as many as on Tuesday. How many children visited the library on Wednesday? (Set up an expression based on the problem.)
921. A bakery used 48 bags of flour in 3 days. How many days will 80 bags of flour last if the rate remains the same?
922.  $96 - 4 \cdot 12 + 52$        $56 : 1 - 48 : 4$        $(42 + 7) : 7$   
 $72 : 3 + 76 - 100$        $75 : 25 + 4 \cdot 23$        $(26 + 38) : 8$   
 $84 : 84 + 23 \cdot 4$        $31 + 67 - 3 \cdot 32$        $(58 + 14) : 6$

# Sometimes This Gets Personal

2. Write the numbers.

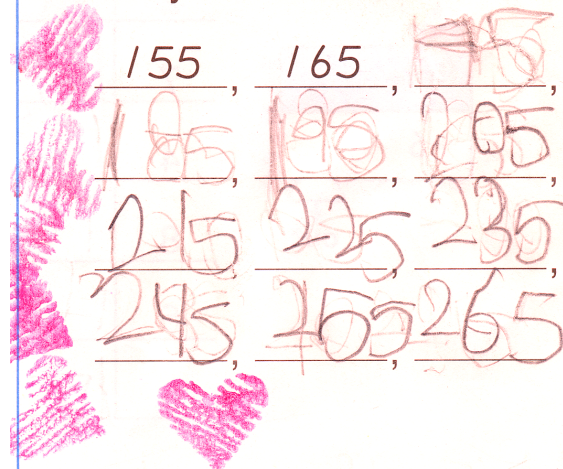


What am I? 32



What am I? 31

4. Count up by 10s. You may use your calculator.





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