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# Math Curse

Answer the following questions while listening to Mr. V. read the book Math Curse, by Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith. Some of the questions in the story are included just for fun and are impossible to answer, so listen very carefully!

1. The book's cover lists the cost as follows. Solve to find the cost of Math Curse.  
$$[(\$3.25 + \$1.75) \times 3] =$$
  
2. I wake up at 7:15AM. It takes me 10 minutes to get dressed, 15 minutes to eat breakfast, and 1 minute to brush my teeth. NOT MULTIPLE CHOICE; ANSWER ALL 3 QUESTIONS.
  - a. If my bus leaves at 8:00AM, will I make it on time?
  - b. How many minutes are in 1 hour?
  - c. How many teeth to brush are in my mouth?
  
3. I have 1 white shirt, 3 blue shirts, 3 striped shirts, and that 1 ugly plaid shirt Uncle Zeno sent me.
  - a. How many shirts is that all together?
  - b. How many shirts would I have if I threw away that awful plaid shirt?
  - c. If I have 3 pairs of pants, how many different outfits could I make?
  
4. Breakfast time...
  - a. How many quarts in a gallon?
  - b. How many pints in a quart?
  - c. How many inches in a foot?
  - d. How many feet in a yard?
  - e. Can I figure out how many inches are in a pint? Explain why or why not.
  
5. If there are 5 kids already on my bus, 5 kids (including me) get on at my stop, 5 more kids get on at the next stop, and 5 more get on at the last stop. How many kids are on the bus?

6. There are 24 kids in Mrs. Fibonacci's Math class. We sit in 6 rows with 4 desks in each row. If Mrs. Fibonacci rearranges the desks, how many students will sit in...
- a. 8 rows?
  - b. 4 rows?
  - c. 3 rows?
  - d. 2 rows?
  - e. 1 row?
7. How many of each, including the teacher, are in Mrs. Fibonacci's classroom?
- a. Fingers (count the thumbs too?)
  - b. Ears?
  - c. Tongues?
8. Lunch is pizza and apple pie. Each pizza is cut into 8 equal slices. Each pie is cut into 6 equal slices. And you know what that means? FRACTIONS!
- a. If I want 2 slices of pizza, what should I ask for?
  - b. What is another way to say half of an apple pie?
  - c. Which has more slices, half of a pizza or half of an apple pie?
9. Social Studies is a geography problem. The Mississippi River is about 4,000 kilometers long. An M&M is about 1 centimeter long. There are 100 centimeters in 1 meter, and 1000 meters in 1 kilometer. Estimate how many M&Ms it would take to measure the length of the Mississippi River.
10. Mrs. Fibonacci says: "I always count 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, ... "
- a. Describe the pattern Mrs. Fibonacci is using to count.
  - b. What are the next 3 numbers in the sequence?
11. George Washington is on both the quarter and the \$1 bill. Abraham Lincoln is on both the penny and the \$5 bill. So which of the following multiple choice options is true? CHOOSE ONLY ONE.
- a. 1 Washington = 25 Lincolns
  - b. 5 Washingtons = 1 Lincoln
  - c. 1 Washington = 100 Lincolns
  - d. 1 Lincoln = 20 Washingtons
  - e. All of the above
12. If you did math every minute of every day, all 365 days of the year, how many minutes of math madness would that be?
13. List 5 or more things in your everyday life, outside of the school setting, that involve mathematics.
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