

Readiness Evaluation

Why Evaluate Readiness?

Teaching could be defined as the process of starting with what a student knows and guiding him to added knowledge with new material. While this may not be a dictionary definition of teaching, it is descriptive of the processes involved. Determining a student's readiness for Pre-Algebra is the first step to successful teaching.

Types of Readiness

True readiness has little to do with chronological age. Emotional maturity and mental preparation are the main components of academic readiness. The teacher who is dealing directly with the student is best able to determine a child's emotional maturity. All emotionally immature students may need special student training in their problem areas. A child's mental *preparation* can be more easily discerned with a simple diagnostic evaluation. Observing the child's attitude of confidence or insecurity while taking the evaluation may help determine emotional readiness.

Determining Readiness

The pre-algebra *Readiness Evaluation* on the following pages helps the teacher to determine if student(s) are ready to begin studying math at the pre-algebra level. Complete this evaluation the first or second day of school.

The evaluation should take 45-60 minutes. It would be helpful to evaluate all of the students to determine what each student knows. However, you may want to evaluate only those student(s) who you sense have not had a thorough preparation for this course. It is especially important to evaluate any student who is using this curriculum for the first time. The student(s) should be able to complete the test on their own with the teacher making sure they understand the directions for each individual activity.

The answer key follows the test. Count each individual answer as a separate point. The total for the test is 61 points. The student(s) should achieve a score of 43 or more points to be ready to begin pre-algebra. Be sure to note the areas of weakness of each student, even those who have scored over 43 points. If the student(s) scored under 43 points, they may need to repeat a previous math level or do some refresher work in their areas of weakness. For possible review of the identified areas of weakness, refer to the chart *Appearance of Concepts* in the *Horizons Math 6 Teacher's Guide*. It will locate lessons where the concepts were taught.

① Solve.

20 Points

49319	62145	87881	19.67	457.09
$+72165$	$+14906$	$+98373$	$+65.34$	$+256.8$

28473	67294	86476	39.974	567.23
-10662	-34154	-75093	-16.237	-92.3745

233	437	812	7.3	7.8
$\times 92$	$\times 65$	$\times 96$	$\times 6.1$	$\times .66$

$96 \overline{)768}$	$47 \overline{)423}$	$66 \overline{)264}$	$.15 \overline{)1.35}$	$.16 \overline{)20.8}$
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② Estimate the sum by rounding to the nearest thousand.

4 Points

2903	7987	4176	3997
$+1102 \approx$	$+2019 \approx$	$+8885 \approx$	$+4009 \approx$

③ Estimate each product by rounding to the nearest ten.

4 Points

$21 \times 128 \approx$
 $67 \times 32 \approx$
 $58 \times 61 \approx$
 $52 \times 48 \approx$

④ Find all of the factors for each of the following numbers.

4 Points

12	18
15	21

⑤ Identify each number as prime or composite.

9 Points

2	5	13
3	7	15
4	11	19

Horizons Pre-Algebra Readiness Evaluation

⑥ Solve.

$$x + 6 + 5 = 18$$

$$x + 3x + 3 + 7 = 26$$

$$2x + 3x + 6 - 1 = 20$$

6 Points

$$3x + x - 9 + 4 = 31$$

$$5x - 2x + 11 - 4 - 1 = 24$$

$$6x + 2x - x - 8 - 4 + 1 = 38$$

⑦ Add, subtract, multiply, or divide as indicated.

$$\frac{1}{7} + \frac{4}{7} =$$

$$\frac{2}{5} \times \frac{1}{5} =$$

$$\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{6} =$$

$$\frac{5}{8} \times \frac{4}{5} =$$

$$\frac{4}{5} - \frac{3}{5} =$$

$$\frac{3}{8} \div \frac{1}{8} =$$

$$\frac{9}{10} - \frac{3}{4} =$$

$$\frac{5}{8} \div \frac{3}{4} =$$

8 Points

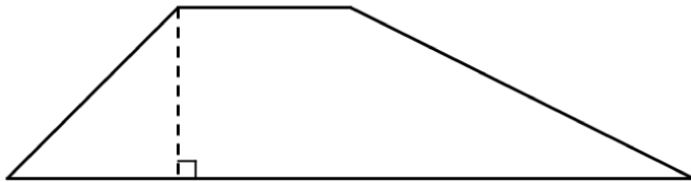
⑧ Solve.

What is 45% of 80?

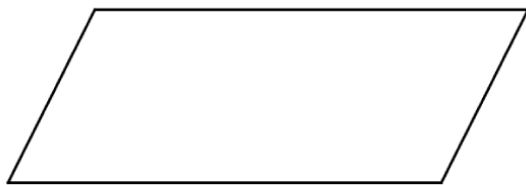
What is 0.36% of 600?

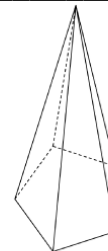
2 Points

⑨ Identify each shape.









_____ **61 points total**

4 Points

Horizons Pre-Algebra Readiness Evaluation Answer key

① Solve.

20 Points

$\begin{array}{r} 49319 \\ +72165 \\ \hline 121,484 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 62145 \\ +14906 \\ \hline 77,051 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 87881 \\ +98373 \\ \hline 186,254 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 19.67 \\ +65.34 \\ \hline 85.01 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 457.09 \\ +256.8 \\ \hline 713.89 \end{array}$
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$\begin{array}{r} 28473 \\ -10662 \\ \hline 17,811 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 67294 \\ -34154 \\ \hline 33,140 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 86476 \\ -75093 \\ \hline 11,383 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 39.974 \\ -16.237 \\ \hline 23.737 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 567.23 \\ -92.3745 \\ \hline 474.8555 \end{array}$
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$\begin{array}{r} 233 \\ \times 92 \\ \hline 466 \\ +20970 \\ \hline 21,436 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 437 \\ \times 65 \\ \hline 2185 \\ +26220 \\ \hline 28,405 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 812 \\ \times 96 \\ \hline 4872 \\ +73080 \\ \hline 77,952 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 7.3 \\ \times 6.1 \\ \hline 73 \\ +4380 \\ \hline 44.53 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 7.8 \\ \times .66 \\ \hline 468 \\ +4680 \\ \hline 5.148 \end{array}$
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$\begin{array}{r} 8 \\ 96 \overline{)768} \\ \underline{768} \\ 000 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 9 \\ 47 \overline{)423} \\ \underline{423} \\ 000 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 4 \\ 66 \overline{)264} \\ \underline{264} \\ 000 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 9 \\ .15 \overline{)1.35} \\ \underline{135} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 130 \\ .16 \overline{)20.80} \\ \underline{16} \\ 48 \\ \underline{48} \end{array}$
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② Estimate the sum by rounding to the nearest thousand.

4 Points

$\begin{array}{r} 2903 \\ +1102 \\ \hline \end{array} \approx \begin{array}{r} 3000 \\ +1000 \\ \hline 4,000 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 7987 \\ +2019 \\ \hline \end{array} \approx \begin{array}{r} 8000 \\ +2000 \\ \hline 10,000 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 4176 \\ +8885 \\ \hline \end{array} \approx \begin{array}{r} 4000 \\ +9000 \\ \hline 13,000 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 3997 \\ +4009 \\ \hline \end{array} \approx \begin{array}{r} 4000 \\ +4000 \\ \hline 8,000 \end{array}$
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③ Estimate each product by rounding to the nearest ten.

4 Points

$21 \times 128 \approx 20 \times 130 = 2,600$
 $67 \times 32 \approx 70 \times 30 = 2,100$
 $58 \times 61 \approx 60 \times 60 = 3,600$
 $52 \times 48 \approx 50 \times 50 = 2,500$

④ Find all of the factors for each of the following numbers.

4 Points

12	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 12	18	1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 18
15	1, 3, 5, 15	21	1, 3, 7, 21

⑤ Identify each number as prime or composite.

9 Points

2	Prime	5	Prime	13	Prime
3	Prime	7	Prime	15	Composite
4	Composite	11	Prime	19	Prime

Horizons Pre-Algebra Readiness Evaluation Answer key

⑥ Solve.

$$x + 6 + 5 = 18$$

$$x + 11 = 18$$

$$x = 7$$

$$x + 3x + 3 + 7 = 26$$

$$4x + 10 = 26$$

$$4x = 16$$

$$x = 4$$

$$2x + 3x + 6 - 1 = 20$$

$$5x + 5 = 20$$

$$5x = 15$$

$$x = 3$$

6 Points

$$3x + x - 9 + 4 = 31$$

$$4x - 5 = 31$$

$$4x = 36$$

$$x = 9$$

$$5x - 2x + 11 - 4 - 1 = 24$$

$$3x + 6 = 24$$

$$3x = 18$$

$$x = 6$$

$$6x + 2x - x - 8 - 4 + 1 = 38$$

$$7x - 11 = 38$$

$$7x = 49$$

$$x = 7$$

⑦ Add, subtract, multiply, or divide as indicated.

$$\frac{1}{7} + \frac{4}{7} = \frac{1+4}{7} = \frac{5}{7}$$

$$\frac{2}{5} \times \frac{1}{5} = \frac{2 \times 1}{5 \times 5} = \frac{2}{25}$$

$$\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1 \times 2}{3 \times 2} + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{2}{6} + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{\cancel{5}^1}{\cancel{2}_2} \times \frac{\cancel{4}^1}{\cancel{2}_1} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{4}{5} - \frac{3}{5} = \frac{4-3}{5} = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$\frac{3}{8} \div \frac{1}{8} = \frac{3}{\cancel{1}_1} \times \frac{\cancel{8}^1}{1} = \frac{3}{1} = 3$$

$$\frac{9}{10} - \frac{3}{4} = \frac{9 \times 2}{10 \times 2} - \frac{3 \times 5}{4 \times 5} = \frac{18}{20} - \frac{15}{20} = \frac{3}{20}$$

$$\frac{5}{8} \div \frac{3}{4} = \frac{5}{\cancel{2}_2} \times \frac{\cancel{4}^1}{3} = \frac{5 \times 1}{2 \times 3} = \frac{5}{6}$$

8 Points

⑧ Solve.

What is 45% of 80?

$$x = 0.45(80)$$

$$x = 36$$

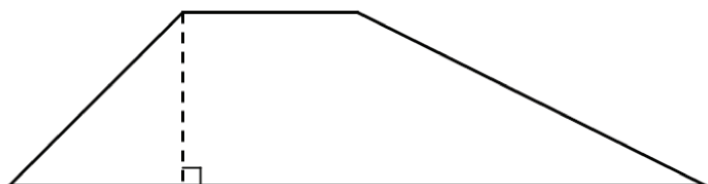
What is 0.36% of 600?

$$x = 0.0036(600)$$

$$x = 2.16$$

2 Points

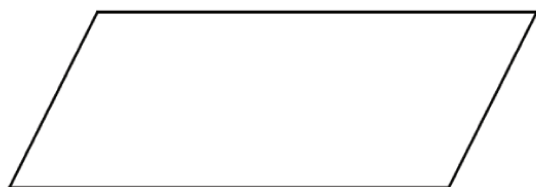
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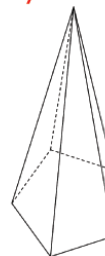
Trapezoid



Cylinder



Parallelogram



Pyramid

4 Points

61 points total