How Old is the Shepherd?
Why Students Need Performance Tasks ROBERT KAPLINSKY NHA

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\begin{gathered}
\text { There are } 125 \\
\text { sheep and } 5 \text { dogs } \\
\text { in a flock. How old } \\
\text { is the shepherd? }
\end{gathered}
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## Of the 32 students I interviewed...

- $75 \%$ of them gave me numerical responses
- 2 students calculated the answer to be $130(125+5)$
- 2 students calculated the answer to be 120 (125-5)
- 12 students calculated the answer to be $25(125 \div 5)$
- 0 students calculated the answer to be 625 ( $125 \times 5$ )
- 4 students stated that they guessed their answer (90, 5,42 , and 50)
- 4 students tried to divide 125 by 5 but could not correctly implement the procedure


## Takeaways

- Making sense of mathematics
- Intellectual autonomy
- Intellectual autonomy is about being able to think for yourself and not being dependent on others for the direction and control of one's thinking.


## What Does the NHTSA Say?

## Kev Statistics and Consumer Insights:

- Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for children age 1 through 12 years old. ${ }^{1}$


## According to a NHTSA study, 3 out of 4 kids are not as secure in the car as they should be because their car seats are not being used correctly.

${ }^{1}$ Source: Based on the latest mortality data currently available from the CDC's National Center for Health Statistics.


- "because they have their child in the right seat"
- "because their car seats are not being used correctly"

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