

# Digging into Depth of Knowledge

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# COMMON CORE

## STATE STANDARDS INITIATIVE

CCSS.MATH.CONTENT.4.MD.A.3

Apply the area and perimeter formulas for rectangles in real world and mathematical problems.

meet the  
equal intensity, the  
of each grade: conceptual  
skills and fluency, and application.

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of a rectangle that  
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Procedural Skill and Fluency

Conceptual Understanding

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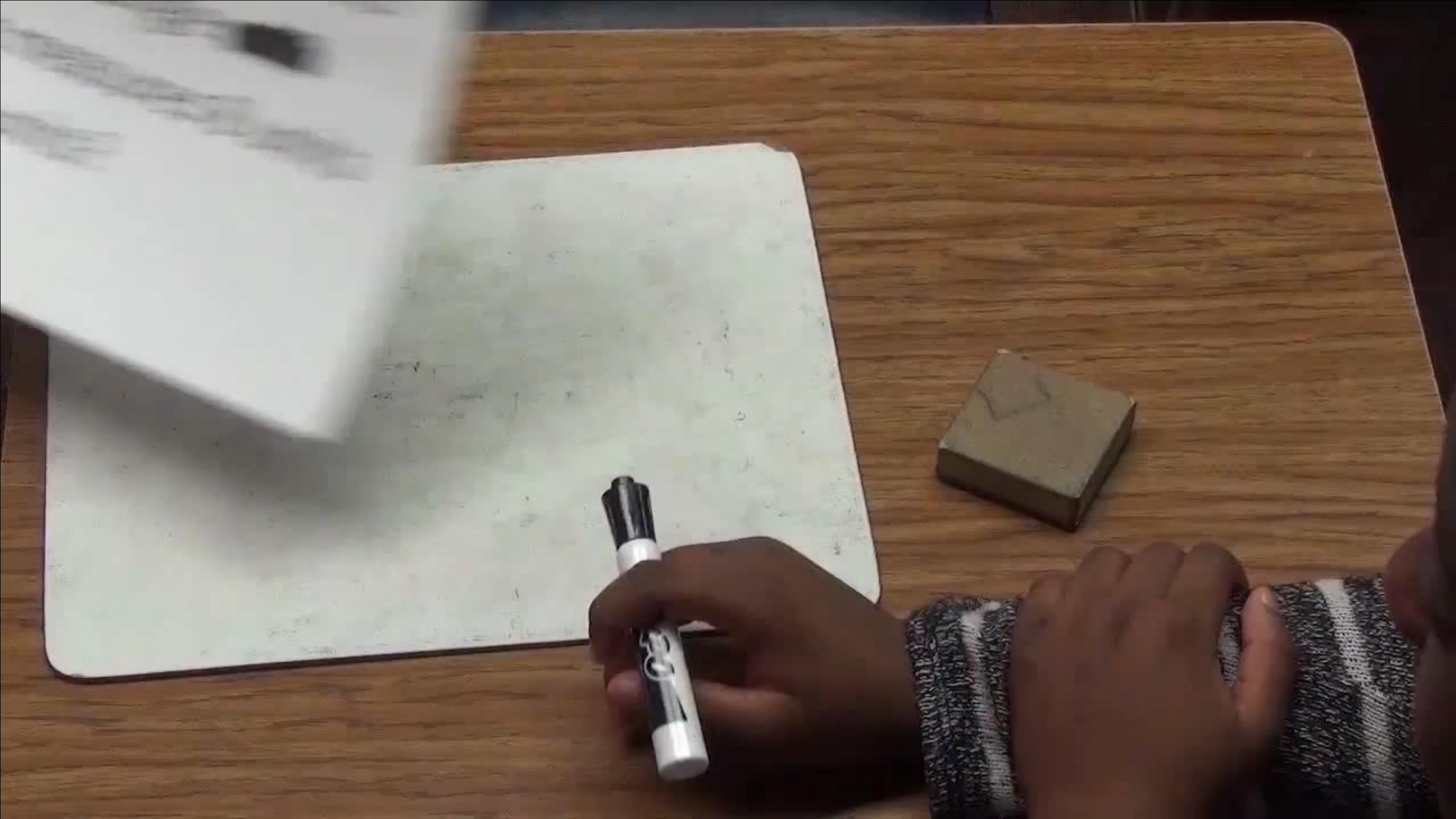
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***WHY?***



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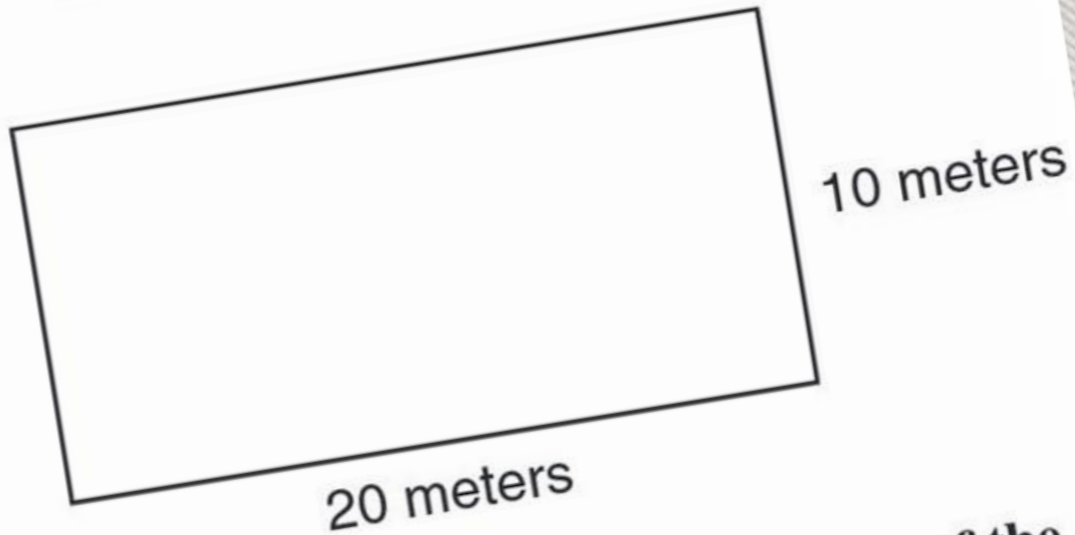
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A basketball court is shaped like a rectangle 20 meters long and 10 meters wide.



What is the perimeter in meters of the court?

- A 30 meters
- B 50 meters
- C 60 meters
- D 200 meters

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of a rectangle ~~with~~  
that measures 8 units  
by 4 units?

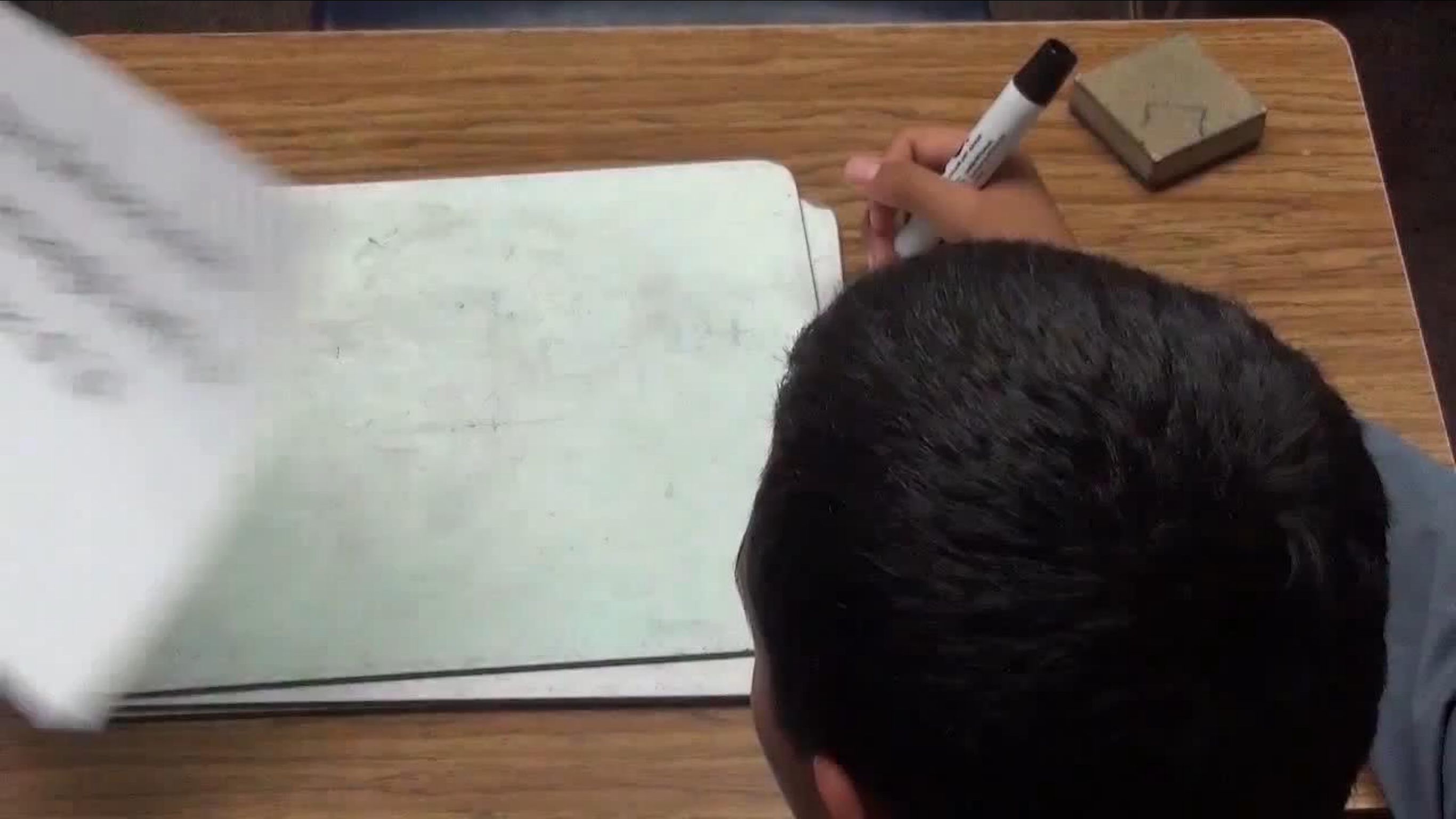


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# Defining the Problem



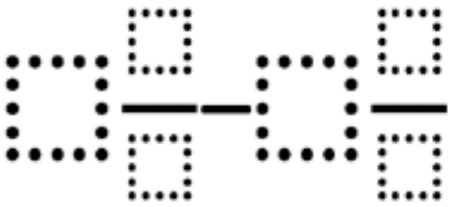


- ▶ Students appear to demonstrate “deep, authentic command of mathematical concepts” when given commonly used problems.
- ▶ However with more challenging problems, the same students seem to no longer demonstrate that command.


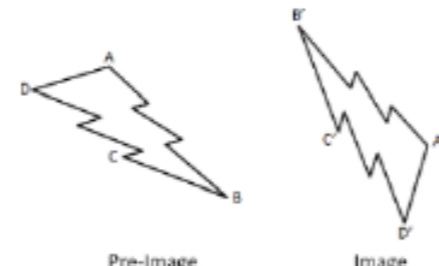
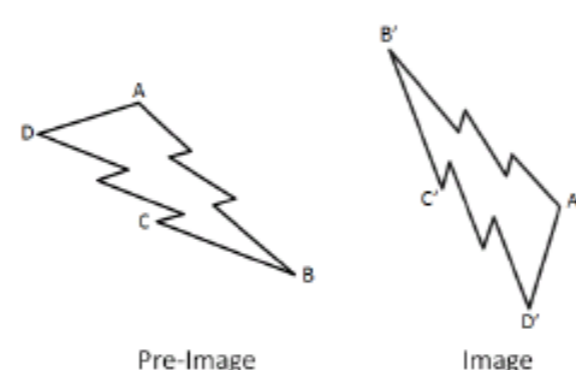
# Addressing the Problem

- ▶ First, we must have a clear understanding about why these problems are different from one another.
- ▶ Next, we need to practice using these problems so that we understand how students may react to them.
- ▶ Last, we need a source that can provide us with a variety of free problems.

# DOK | Distinguishing Between Depth of Knowledge Levels in Mathematics

Topic	Adding Whole Numbers	Money	Fractions on a Number Line	Area and Perimeter	Subtracting Mixed Numbers
CCSS Standard(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.NBT.4</li> <li>2.NBT.5</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.MD.8</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3.NF.2</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3.MD.8</li> <li>4.MD.3</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5.NF.1</li> </ul>
DOK 1 Example	Find the sum.  $44 + 27 =$	If you have 2 dimes and 3 pennies, how many cents do you have	Which point is located at $\frac{7}{12}$ below?  	Find the perimeter of a rectangle that measures 4 units by 8 units.	Find the difference.  $5\frac{1}{2} - 4\frac{2}{3} =$
DOK 2 Example	Fill in the boxes below using the whole numbers 1 through 9, no more than one time each, so that you make a true equation.  $\square\square + 53 = \square\square$	Make 47¢ in three different ways with either quarters, dimes, nickels, or pennies.	Label the point where $\frac{3}{4}$ belongs on the number line below. Be as precise as possible.  	List the measurements of three different rectangles that each has a perimeter of 20 units.	Create three different mixed numbers that will make the equation true by using the whole numbers 1 through 9, no more than one time each. You may reuse the same whole numbers for each of the three mixed numbers.  $5\frac{4}{5} - \square\frac{\square}{\square} = 3\frac{1}{20}$
DOK 3 Example	Make the largest sum by filling in the boxes below using the whole numbers 1 through 9, no more than one time each.  $\square\square + \square\square =$	Make 47¢ using exactly 5 coins with either quarters, dimes, nickels, or pennies.	Create 5 fractions using the whole numbers 0 through 9, no more than one time each, as numerators and denominators and correctly place them all on a number line.	What is the greatest area you can make with a rectangle that has a perimeter of 24 units?	Make the smallest difference by filling in the boxes below using the whole numbers 1 through 9, no more than one time each.  



Topic	Surface Area and Volume	Probability	Transformations	Factoring Quadratics	Quadratics in Vertex Form
CCSS Standard(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6.G.4</li> <li>7.G.6</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7.SP.5</li> <li>7.SP.7</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8.G.1</li> <li>G-CO.5</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A-SSE.3a</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>F-IF.7a</li> </ul>
DOK 1 Example	Find the surface area of a rectangular prism that measures 3 units by 4 units by 5 units.	What is the probability of rolling a sum of 5 using two 6-sided dice?	Rotate the image below 90° counterclockwise and reflect it across a horizontal line. 	Find the factors: $2x^2 + 7x + 3$	Find the roots and maximum of the quadratic equation below. $y = 3(x - 4)^2 - 3$
DOK 2 Example	List the measurements of three different rectangular prisms that each has a surface area of 20 square units.	What value(s) have a 1/12 probability of being rolled as the sum of two 6-sided dice?	List three sequences of transformations that take pre-image ABCD to image A'B'C'D'. 	Fill in the blank with integers so that the quadratic expression is factorable. $x^2 + \_\_x + 4$	Create three equations for quadratics in vertex form that have roots at 3 and 5 but have different maximum and/or minimum values.
DOK 3 Example	What is the greatest volume you can make with a rectangular prism that has a surface area of 20 square units?	Fill in the blanks to complete this sentence using the whole numbers 1 through 9, no more than one time each.  Rolling a sum of $\_\_$ on two $\_\_$ -sided dice is the same probability as rolling a sum of $\_\_$ on two $\_\_$ -sided dice.	What is the fewest number of transformations needed to take pre-image ABCD to image A'B'C'D'? 	Fill the blank by finding the largest and smallest integers that will make the quadratic expression factorable. $2x^2 + 3x + \_\_$	Create a quadratic equation with the largest maximum value using the whole numbers 1 through 9, no more than one time each. $y = -\square(x - \square)^2 + \square$

# DOK Level Differences



## ▶ **Level 1: Recall & Reproduction**

- ▶ Often a trivial application of facts.
- ▶ Requires little to no cognitive effort beyond remembering the right formula.
- ▶ Usually only one answer.

## ▶ **Level 2: Skills & Concepts**

- ▶ Usually requires more than one step to solve.
- ▶ Often multiple answers.

## ▶ **Level 3: Strategic Thinking**

- ▶ Usually requires critical thinking about the best way to approach a problem.
- ▶ May be multiple answers or a single optimal answer.
- ▶ Often challenging enough to make your head hurt.

## ▶ **Level 4: Extended Thinking**

- ▶ In mathematics these are generally represented by performance tasks or problem-based lessons.

# Probability

What is the probability of rolling a sum of 5 using two 6-sided dice?

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# Probability

Fill in the blanks to complete this sentence using the whole numbers 1 through 9, no more than one time each.

Rolling a sum of \_\_\_\_ on two \_\_\_\_-sided dice is the same probability as rolling a sum of \_\_\_\_ on two \_\_\_\_-sided dice.

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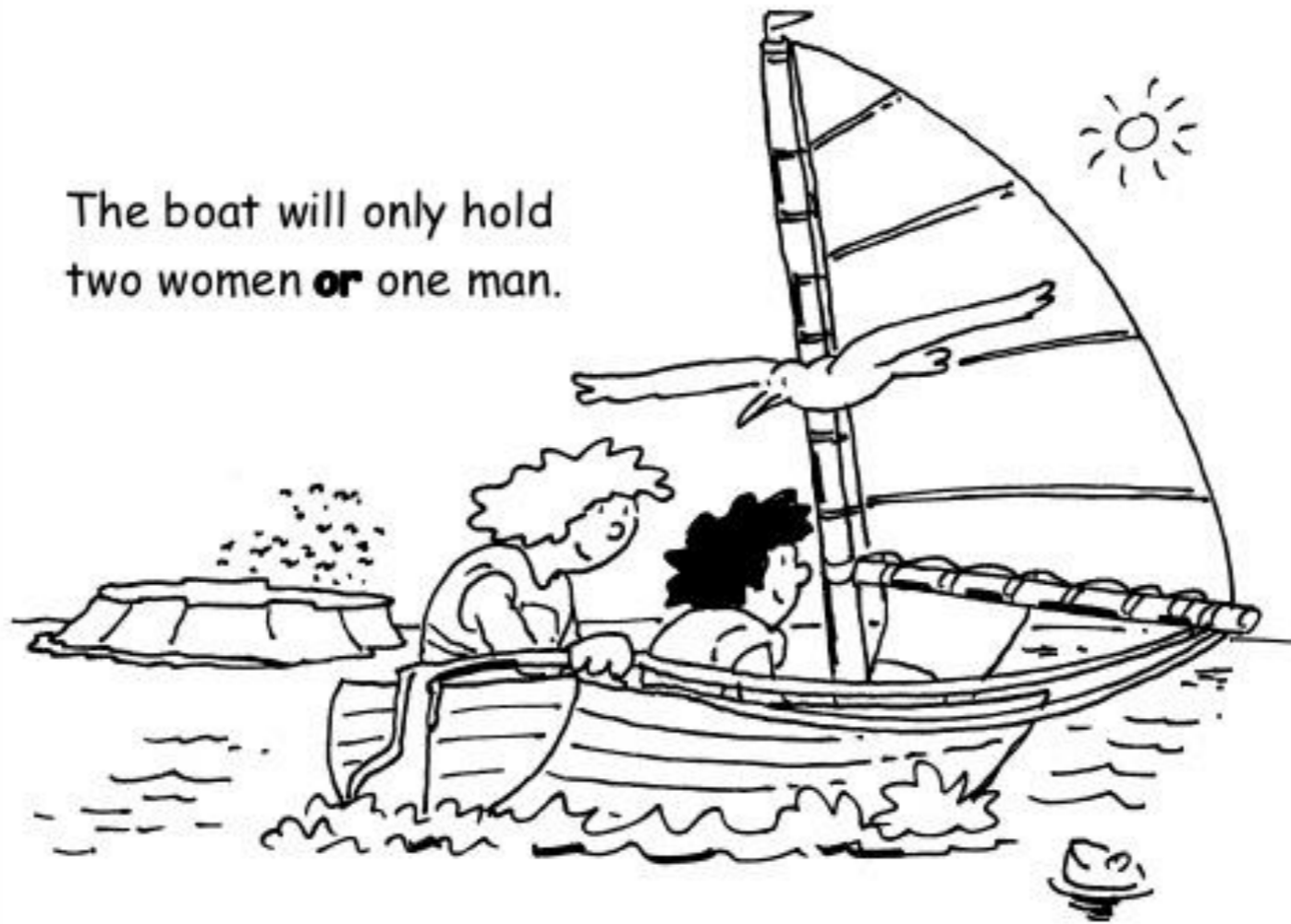


***JUST  
BRAIN  
TEASERS?***

## Sail away

Two men and two women want to sail to an island.

The boat will only hold two women **or** one man.



How can all four of them get to the island?

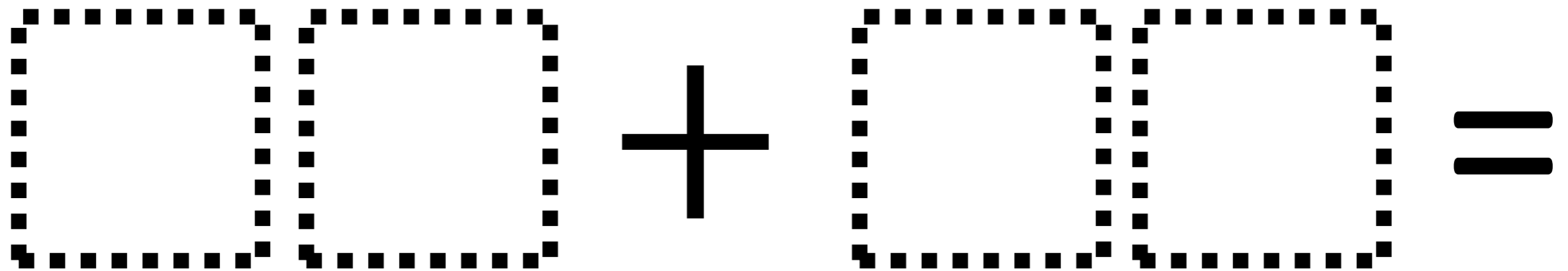
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### Teaching objectives

Solve mathematical problems or puzzles.  
Explain methods and reasoning.



Make the largest sum by filling in the boxes below using the whole numbers 1 through 9, no more than one time each.



The image shows a mathematical equation template. On the left, there are two empty rectangular boxes, each formed by a grid of small black squares. A large plus sign (+) is positioned between these two boxes. To the right of the plus sign, there are another two empty rectangular boxes, also formed by a grid of small black squares. To the right of these second boxes is an equals sign (=), consisting of two parallel horizontal lines.



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# ***DOK***

# ***FAQ***

- *What DOK level should I start students off with?*
- *How do teachers fit these problems into their pacing?*
- *How do I help prevent students from giving up after trying the problem once or twice?*
- *Where can I find other DOK 2 and DOK 3 problems?*
- *How can I share DOK 2 and DOK 3 problems I've made?*



## NEW OPEN MIDDLE

### Exponents and Order of Operations

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Directions: Find 3 positive integers that add up to 10. Place each number into one of the blanks to find the largest possible result. Source: Zack Miller (@zmill415) [Read More »](#)

### Create Squares

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Directions: Create a square with one of the vertices at (2,3). Fill in the blanks with whole numbers 0 through 9, using each number at most once, to show the rest of the vertices of the square. Bonus: Find more than one set of vertices. Source: John Mahlstedt (@jdmahlstedt) [Read More »](#)

### Solution of Two Linear Equations

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Directions: Using the Integers 0-9 (without duplication), provide four sets of points that represent two distinct lines. These lines can be written as two linear equations. Then provide a fifth point that represents the intersection (or solution) of those equations. Line 1: ( , ) and ( , ) Line 2: ( , ) and ( , ) Solution ( , ) Source: Bryan Anderson [Read More »](#)

### Bingo card

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Directions: In a standard game of BINGO, the cards are labeled with numbers 1 through 75. If it was possible, which card would you choose: a card with all of the same number or a standard bingo card? Source: Nanette

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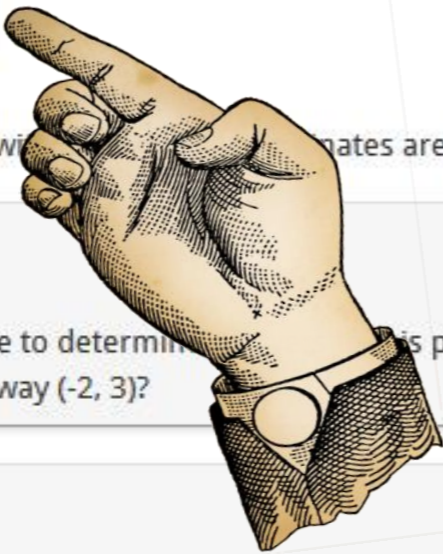
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- Grade 2 (6)
  - Measurement & Data (2)
  - Number & Operations in Base Ten (4)
- Grade 3 (11)
  - Measurement & Data (6)
  - Number & Operations in Base Ten (3)
  - Number & Operations—Fractions (2)

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## EQUIDISTANT POINTS



Directions: How many points with integer coordinates are 5 units away from  $(-2, 3)$ ?

### Hint

Which methods are available to determine the answer to this problem? What shape is defined by *all* of the points that are 5 units away  $(-2, 3)$ ?

### Answer

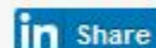
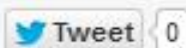
12 points:  $(-5, 7)$ ,  $(-7, 3)$ ,  $(-5, -1)$ ,  $(-2, -2)$ ,  $(3, 3)$ ,  $(1, -1)$ ,  $(-2, 8)$ ,  $(1, 7)$ ,  $(2, 6)$ ,  $(-6, -6)$ ,  $(-6, 0)$ , and  $(2, 0)$

Source: [Dylan Kane](#)



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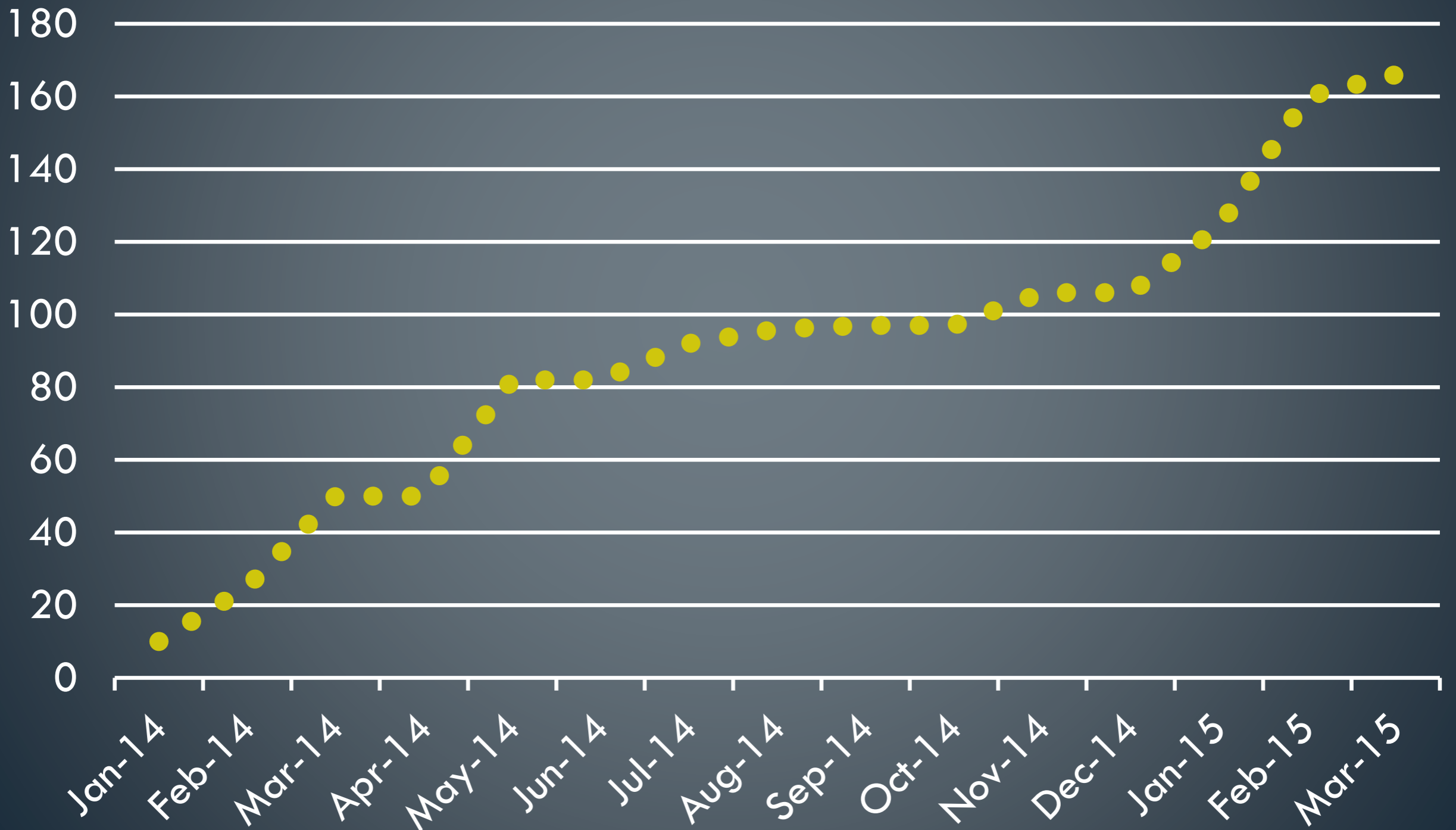
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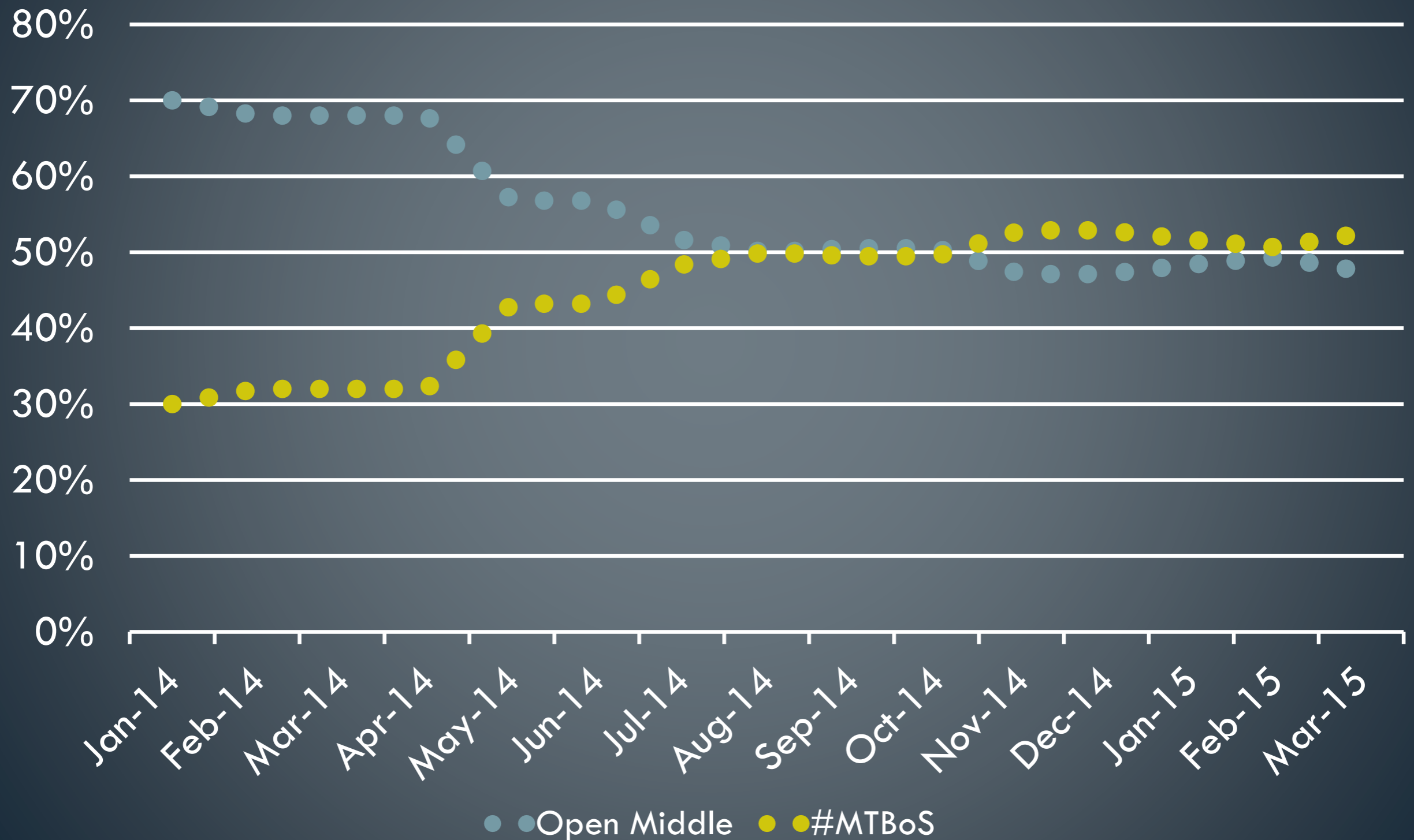
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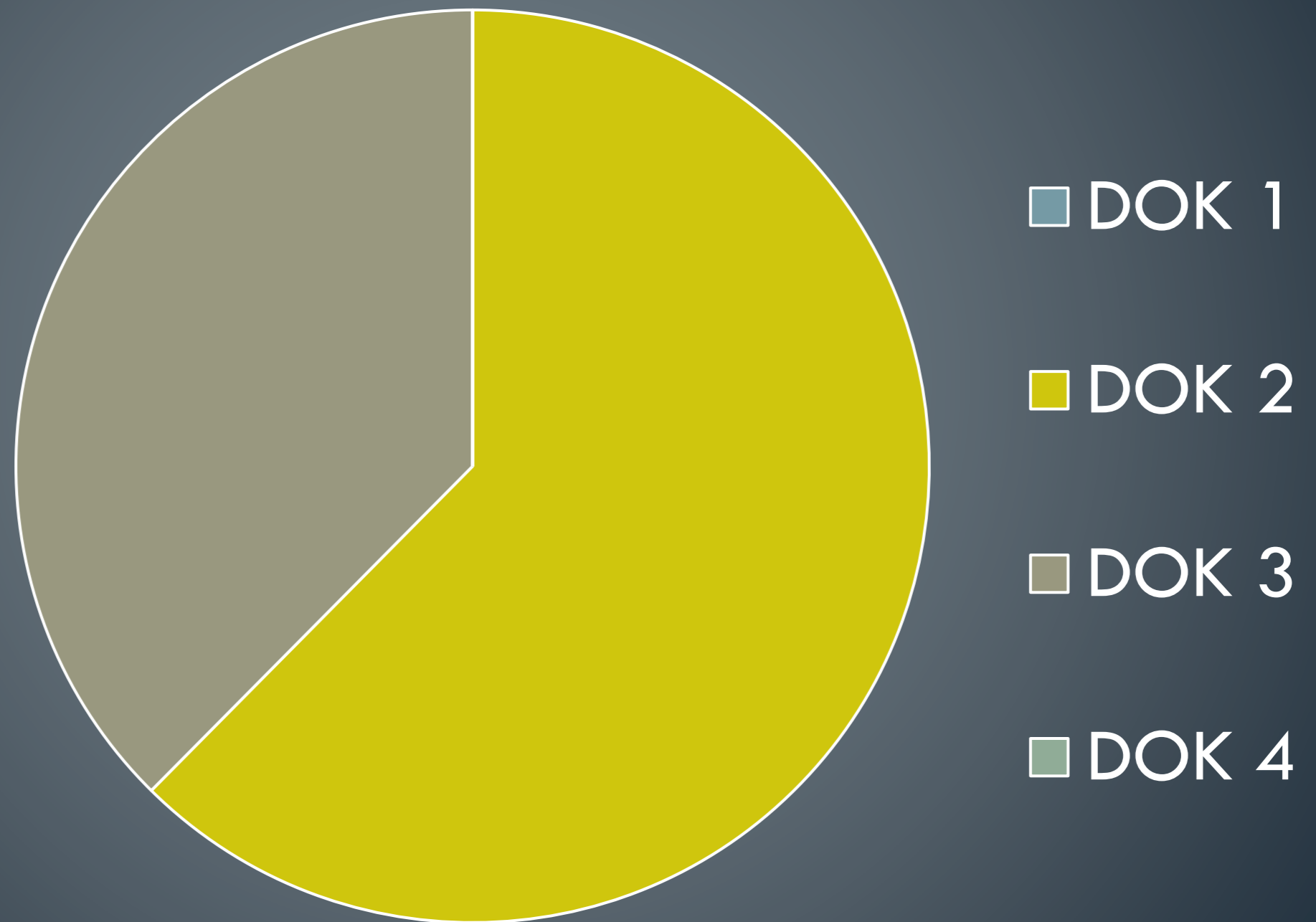
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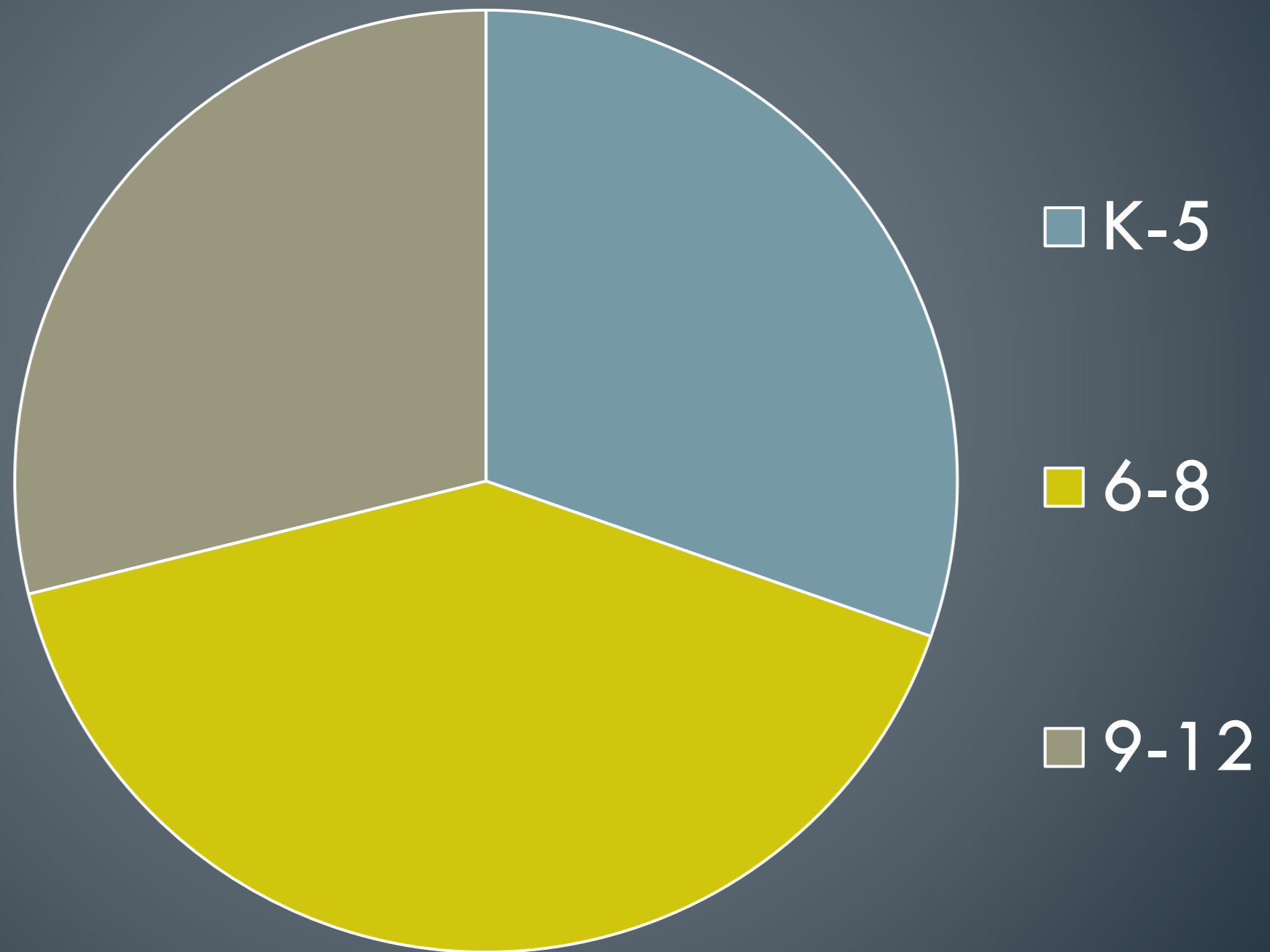
# Problems by DOK Level



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# Problems by Grade Band



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Rigor refers to deep, authentic command of mathematical concepts, not making math harder or introducing topics at earlier grades. To help students meet the standards, educators will need to pursue, with equal intensity, three aspects of rigor in the major work of each grade: conceptual understanding, procedural skills and fluency, and application.

# Call to Action

- ▶ Commit to one of these choices:
  - ▶ Implement a single DOK 2 or DOK 3 problem from [openmiddle.com](https://openmiddle.com) in your classes within the week.
  - ▶ Put a DOK 2 question from [openmiddle.com](https://openmiddle.com) on your next assessment.

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