

Errata for Math Mammoth Light Blue Grade 7

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7-A Chapter 2: Lesson: Chapter 2 Review

Answer for #11 was expanded to be:

11. The expression for the distance can be written as $|-6 \text{ m} - (-8 \text{ m})|$ or $|-8 \text{ m} - (-6 \text{ m})|$. It can be written even without absolute value, as $-6 \text{ m} - (-8 \text{ m})$ because we know which number is greater and we can subtract the smaller number (-8 m) from the greater (-6 m). Each one of those will give the correct distance, 2 m. If we were dealing with variable(s), the distance would need to be expressed as the absolute value of the difference of the two quantities.

7-A Chapter 4: Lesson: Scientific Notation

Student worktext, question #7. In the "Down" clues for the puzzle, the last one was labeled as "d" when it should have been labeled as "f".

It was:

d. $5.3 \cdot 10^4$

Should be:

f. $5.3 \cdot 10^4$

Chapter 4 Test:

It was:

2 c. $9/(-100) = -9/100$

Should be:

c. $9/(-100) = -9/100 = -0.09$

7-A Chapter 5: Lesson: Some Problem Solving

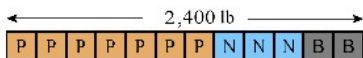
The teaching box image was wrong and has been changed from 24,000 to 2,400.

Some Problem Solving

Ratio problems and equations

Example 1. A truck is carrying 21 pallets of beans. Each pallet weighs 2,400 pounds and contains bags of pinto beans, navy beans, and black beans in a ratio of 7:3:2. Find the *total* weight of each type of beans in the truck.

We can solve this using a bar model. The entire bar signifies one pallet.



There are $7 + 3 + 2 = 12$ parts in total. The weight of one part is $2,400 \text{ lb} \div 12 = 200 \text{ lb}$.

Or we can write an equation. The unknown x is the same as in the bar model: it is one part.

$7x + 3x + 2x = 2,400$	
$12x = 2,400$	$\div 12$
$x = 200$	

But the weight of one part is not the final answer! We need to calculate the total weight of each type of beans:

- pinto beans: $21 \cdot 7 \cdot 200 \text{ lb} = 29,400 \text{ lb}$
- navy beans: $21 \cdot 3 \cdot 200 \text{ lb} = 12,600 \text{ lb}$
- black beans: $21 \cdot 2 \cdot 200 \text{ lb} = 8,400 \text{ lb}$

7-A Chapter 5: Using the Distributive Property

Answer key

8.i. was:

$$-200(0.9x + 0.4) = -180x + 80$$

It should be:

$$-200(0.9x + 0.4) = -180x - 80$$

9. c. The final line of the equation was

$$-y = 2 \frac{3}{4}$$

It should be this way:

$$y = -2 \frac{3}{4}$$

7-A Chapter 5: Review

Answer key.

The answer for question 9.b. had had an equation instead of inequality. It was changed to this:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b. } 0.8n + 2.6 + 9 &\leq 20 \\ 0.8n + 11.6 &\leq 20 \quad | - 11.6 \\ 0.8n &\leq 8.4 \quad | \div 0.8 \\ n &\leq 10.5 \end{aligned}$$

She can take 10 bags of nuts.

7-B Chapter 6: Lesson: Scaling Figures

The answer key was expanded.

Scaling Figures, p. 41

1. a. Example solution (proportion): $\frac{3}{5} = \frac{2.4 \text{ cm}}{x}$

$$3x = 5 \cdot 2.4 \text{ cm}$$
$$x = \frac{12 \text{ cm}}{3} = 4 \text{ cm}$$

b. Example solution: $x = 238 \text{ cm} / 7 \cdot 3 = \underline{102 \text{ cm}}$

2. The scale ratio 3:4 means that the sides of the smaller triangle are $\frac{3}{4}$ the length of the sides of the larger triangle. So we can just multiply each side of the larger triangle by $\frac{3}{4}$ to get the lengths of the sides of the smaller triangle:

$$\frac{3}{4} \cdot (4.8 \text{ cm}) = 3.6 \text{ cm},$$

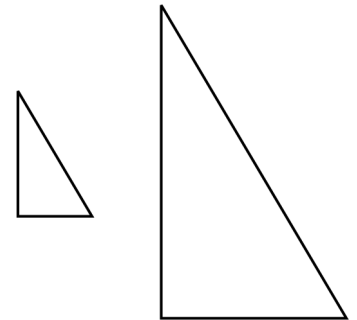
$$\frac{3}{4} \cdot (6.0 \text{ cm}) = 4.5 \text{ cm}, \text{ and}$$

$$\frac{3}{4} \cdot (3.6 \text{ cm}) = 2.7 \text{ cm}.$$

3. Answers will vary, but the corresponding angles of the two triangles must be equal, and the sides of the larger triangle must be $\frac{5}{2} = 2.5$ times longer than the sides of the smaller one. Please check the student's work.

4. a.

	Length	Width	Aspect Ratio
Rectangle 1	1 cm	3 cm	1 : 3
Rectangle 2	1.5 cm	4.5 cm	1 : 3
Rectangle 3	2 cm	6 cm	1 : 3
Rectangle 4	2.5 cm	7.5 cm	1 : 3



b. The aspect ratio for all four triangles is the same, 1:3.

5. a. $x / 72 \text{ cm} = 24 \text{ cm} / 54 \text{ cm}; x = 32 \text{ cm}.$

There are three other ways to write a correct proportion and get the correct answer:

$$72 \text{ cm} / x = 54 \text{ cm} / 24 \text{ cm}; \quad x / 24 \text{ cm} = 72 \text{ cm} / 54 \text{ cm}; \quad \text{and} \quad 24 \text{ cm} / x = 54 \text{ cm} / 72 \text{ cm}.$$

b. $x / 43 \text{ m} = 16 \text{ m} / 20 \text{ m}; x = 34.4 \text{ m}.$

There are three other ways to write a correct proportion and get the correct answer:

$$43 \text{ m} / x = 20 \text{ m} / 16 \text{ m}; \quad x / 16 \text{ m} = 43 \text{ m} / 20 \text{ m}; \quad \text{and} \quad 16 \text{ m} / x = 20 \text{ m} / 43 \text{ m}.$$

6. a. Scale factor = *after* / *before* = $14 \text{ cm} / 6 \text{ cm} = 7/3 \approx 2.33.$

b. Scale ratio = *after* : *before* = $14 \text{ cm} : 6 \text{ cm} = 7:3.$

7. a. Scale ratio = *after* : *before* = $15 \text{ ft} : 20 \text{ ft} = 36 \text{ ft} : 48 \text{ ft} = 3 : 4$

b. Scale factor = *after* / *before* = $15 \text{ ft} / 20 \text{ ft} = 36 \text{ ft} / 48 \text{ ft} = \frac{3}{4} = 0.75$

Scaling Figures, cont.

8. If the area of the original square is 36 cm^2 , then each side must be 6 cm long. Each side of the reduced square will be $\frac{3}{4} \cdot 6 \text{ cm} = 4.5 \text{ cm}$. So the area of the reduced square is $(4.5 \text{ cm})^2 = 20.25 \text{ cm}^2$.
9. Please check the student's work. The size of the shape will vary according to how the page was printed. If the page was printed using a "scale to fit" or "print to fit" option, the actual measurements of the shape may not match what is given below. However, the scale ratio and the scale factor should be the same or very close, even if the page wasn't printed at 100%.

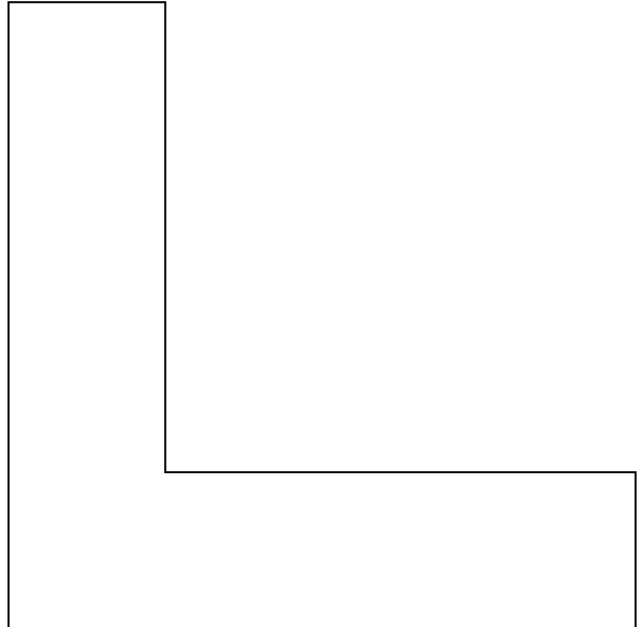
The bottom sides of the two triangles measure 2.3 cm and 5.7 cm, so the scale ratio is 57:23. The scale factor is $57/23 \approx 2.5$.

10. Please check the student's work. The size of the shape will vary according to how the page was printed. If the page was printed using a "scale to fit" or "print to fit" option, the actual measurements of the L-shape may not match what is given below.

The scale ratio 3:2 means the dimensions are multiplied by $3:2 = 1.5$. The bottom width and the height of the L-shape both are 5.7 cm. These become $1.5 \cdot 5.7 \text{ cm} = 8.55 \text{ cm} \approx 8.6 \text{ cm}$.

In inches, the bottom width and the height of the original L-shape are $2 \frac{1}{4} \text{ in}$ and become $1.5 \cdot 2 \frac{1}{4} \text{ in} = 3 \frac{3}{8} \text{ in}$.

See the image on the right.



11. a. The sides are in the ratio: $\text{after} : \text{before} = \frac{3}{4}'' : 3'' = 1:4$.
- b. Let x be the second side of the similar rectangle. Since the $\text{after} : \text{before}$ ratio is 1:4, the longer side of the second triangle is one-fourth the longer side of the first triangle: $x = 4 \frac{1}{2}'' \div 4 = 1 \frac{1}{8}''$.
You can also solve this using the proportion $x / 4 \frac{1}{2}'' = \frac{3}{4}'' / 3''$; from which $x = 1 \frac{1}{8}''$.
These proportions work also: $4 \frac{1}{2}'' / x = 3 / \frac{3}{4}''$ or $x / \frac{3}{4}'' = 4 \frac{1}{2}'' / 3''$ or $\frac{3}{4}'' / x = 3'' / 4 \frac{1}{2}''$.
- c. Area of the original rectangle: $4 \frac{1}{2} \text{ in} \cdot 3 \text{ in} = 13 \frac{1}{2} \text{ in}^2 = 13.5 \text{ in}^2$.
Area of the similar rectangle: $\frac{3}{4} \text{ in} \cdot 9/8 \text{ in} = 27/32 \text{ in}^2$ or $0.75 \text{ in} \cdot 1.125 \text{ in} = 0.84375 \text{ in}^2$.
- d. The areas are in the ratio: $\text{after} : \text{before} = 27/32 \text{ in}^2 : 13 \frac{1}{2} \text{ in}^2 = 27/32 : 27/2 = (27/32) \cdot (2/27) = 1/16 = 1:16$.
Or, using decimals, the ratio is $\text{after} : \text{before} = 0.84375 \text{ in}^2 : 13.5 \text{ in}^2 = 0.0625 = 0.0625 : 1 = 1:16$.
So the ratio of the areas is the square of the ratio of the sides (square of the ratio 1:4).

Puzzle corner:

If the aspect ratio is 2:3, then the lengths of the sides are $2x$ and $3x$. Thus the perimeter is $50 \text{ cm} = 2x + 3x + 2x + 3x = 10x$, so x is 5 cm. Therefore the sides are 10 cm and 15 cm long.

Shrinking the rectangle at a scale ratio of 2 : 5 is the same as changing x from 5 cm to 2 cm, so the sides of the shrunken rectangle are $2 \cdot 2 \text{ cm} = 4 \text{ cm}$ and $2 \cdot 3 \text{ cm} = 6 \text{ cm}$, and its area is $4 \text{ cm} \cdot 6 \text{ cm} = 24 \text{ cm}^2$.

7-B Chapter 6: Lesson: Maps

Student book, problem 9. The instructions were changed to this:

9. On this map of the USA measure the distances in inches. Then calculate the distances in reality. (the instruction for rounding was dropped from here).

Instead, the rounding instructions were added separately for a, b, and c:

a. From Tallahassee to Denver.
(Round to the nearest hundred miles.)

b. From Sacramento to Austin.
(Round to the nearest hundred miles.)

c. From Lincoln to Bismarck.
(Round to the nearest ten miles.)

Answer key.

9. The final answer for (c) was changed from ≈ 400 miles to ≈ 440 miles.

7-B Chapter 6: Lesson: Chapter 6 Review

5.

$$\text{a. } \frac{16}{17} = \frac{109}{T}$$

$$16T = 17 \cdot 109$$

$$16T = 1853$$

$$\frac{16T}{16} = \frac{1853}{16}$$

$$T \approx \mathbf{115.81}$$

$$\text{b. } \frac{1.5}{2.8} = \frac{M}{5}$$

$$2.8M = 1.5 \cdot 5$$

$$2.8M = 7.5$$

$$\frac{2.8M}{2.8} = \frac{7.5}{2.8}$$

$$M \approx \mathbf{2.68}$$

7-B Chapter 7: Lesson: Percent Equations

ORIGINAL — which is not wrong, just convoluted:

12. Answers will vary. Please check the student's work.

Substituting numbers: Suppose the base b were 3 km and the height h were 4 km to give $A = \frac{1}{2}bh$
 $= \frac{1}{2}(3 \text{ km} \cdot 4 \text{ km}) = 6 \text{ km}^2$. Increasing 3 km and 4 km by 10% gives the increased area $A' = \frac{1}{2}(3.3 \text{ km} \cdot 4.4 \text{ km})$
 $= \frac{1}{2}(14.52 \text{ km}^2) = 7.26 \text{ km}^2$, which is an increase of $1.26 \text{ km} / 6 \text{ km} = 21\%$.

Using algebra: The formula for the area of a triangle is $A = \frac{1}{2}bh = 6 \text{ km}^2$, where A is the 6-km² area, b is the base, and h is the height. In this case we have $A' = \frac{1}{2}b'h'$, where A' is the area of the increased plot, b' its base, and h' its height. Because the increase is 10%, we know that $b' = 1.1b$ and $h' = 1.1h$. If we substitute into the formula for A' , we get $A' = \frac{1}{2}b'h' = \frac{1}{2}(1.1b)(1.1h) = 1.21(\frac{1}{2}bh)$. Since $A = \frac{1}{2}bh = 6 \text{ km}^2$, we get $A' = 1.21A = 7.26 \text{ km}^2$. The size of the increased plot is 121% of the original plot, so the increase was 21%.

Using logic: The easiest way to solve this problem is with a little insight: We see that when we increase b and h by 10% in $A = \frac{1}{2}bh$, the new b and h are 110% or 1.1 times the old ones. Since the $\frac{1}{2}$ in the formula doesn't change,

the new area is just $1.1 \cdot 1.1 = 1.21$ times the old area, so the increase is 21%.

NEW — improved and simplified:

12. Answers will vary. Please check the student's work.

Substituting numbers: Suppose the base b were 3 km and the height h were 4 km to give $A = \frac{1}{2}bh$
 $= \frac{1}{2}(3 \text{ km} \cdot 4 \text{ km}) = 6 \text{ km}^2$. Increasing 3 km and 4 km by 10% gives the increased area $A' = \frac{1}{2}(3.3 \text{ km} \cdot 4.4 \text{ km})$
 $= \frac{1}{2}(14.52 \text{ km}^2) = 7.26 \text{ km}^2$, which is an increase of $1.26 \text{ km}^2 / 6 \text{ km}^2 = 21\%$.

Using algebra: The formula for the area of a triangle is $A = \frac{1}{2}bh$. Let's use b and h for the base and height of the original triangle, and b' for the base and h' for the height of the bigger triangle.

Because the increase is 10%, we know that $b' = 1.1b$ and $h' = 1.1h$. If we substitute those into the formula for the area, we get area of the bigger triangle as $A_{\text{big}} = \frac{1}{2}b'h' = \frac{1}{2}(1.1b)(1.1h) = 1.21(\frac{1}{2}bh)$. In the last expression, the part $\frac{1}{2}bh$ is the area of the original triangle, so we can write $A_{\text{big}} = 1.21(\frac{1}{2}bh) = 1.21A$, where A is the area of the original triangle.

So, since area of the bigger triangle is $1.21A$, that means it is 121% of A , which means the increase in area is 21%.

7-B Chapter 7: Lesson: Comparing Values Using Percentages

Answer key.

3. a. The decimal 0.7379 was rounded to 74.8. It should be rounded to 73.8.

4. WAS:

The difference in area is... 25%.

SHOULD BE: 33%

Also, in the same answer, the number 12,000 is incorrectly typed as 12.000

7-B Chapter 7: Lesson: Review Percent

2. e. in the worktext should be 1039/10000

2. f. In the answer key, should be

$$340.9\% = 3409/1000 = 3.409$$

7-B Chapter 8: Lesson: Angle Relationships

Answer key.

WAS:

$$13. \text{ a. } \angle B = \angle A = 109^\circ \quad \angle C = 180^\circ - 109^\circ = 71^\circ \quad \angle D = \angle C = 71^\circ$$

SHOULD BE:

$$13. \text{ a. } \angle B = 180^\circ - \angle A = 71^\circ \quad \angle C = \angle A = 109^\circ \quad \angle D = \angle B = 71^\circ$$

7-B Chapter 8: Lesson: Area of a Circle

Question #1, student worktext.

WAS

After that, calculate the area
to the nearest hundredth of a square unit.

CHANGED TO

After that, calculate the area
to the nearest tenth of a square unit.

Answer key.

Question #1.

WAS

- a. Estimation: $16 + 4 \cdot 2 \frac{1}{4} = 26$ square units
Calculation: 28.26 square units

CHANGED TO

- a. Estimation: $16 + 4 \cdot 2 \frac{1}{4} = 26$ square units
Calculation: $3.14(3 \cdot 3) = 28.26$ square units ≈ 28.3 square units

WAS

- b. Estimation: $2 \cdot (8 + 7.5 + 5.5 + 3.5) = 49$ square units
Calculation: 50.24 square units

CHANGED TO

- b. Estimation: $2 \cdot (8 + 7.5 + 5.5 + 3.5) = 49$ square units
Calculation: $3.14(4 \cdot 4) = 50.24$ square units ≈ 50.2 square units

7-B Chapter 9: Lesson: The Pythagorean Theorem

In the example 4 in the student book (in a blue box), the last sentence was:
"The hypotenuse measures about 14.0 m."

It should be:

"The other leg measures about 14.0 m."
