

PROBLEM SOLVING
Lesson 5.3

Name _____

**Problem Solving • Use the
Distributive Property**

COMMON CORE STANDARD CC.3.NBT.3

Use place value understanding and properties of operations to perform multi-digit arithmetic.

Read each problem and solve.

1. Each time a student turns in a perfect spelling test, Ms. Ricks puts an achievement square on the bulletin board. There are 6 rows of squares on the bulletin board. Each row has 30 squares. How many perfect spelling tests have been turned in?

Think: $6 \times 30 = 6 \times (10 + 10 + 10)$
 $= 60 + 60 + 60 = 180$

180 spelling tests

2. Norma practices violin for 50 minutes every day. How many minutes does Norma practice violin in 7 days?

3. A kitchen designer is creating a new backsplash for the wall behind a kitchen sink. The backsplash will have 5 rows of tiles. Each row will have 20 tiles. How many tiles are needed for the entire backsplash?

4. A bowling alley keeps shoes in rows of cubbyholes. There are 9 rows of cubbyholes, with 20 cubbyholes in each row. If there is a pair of shoes in every cubbyhole, how many pairs of shoes are there?

5. The third-grade students are traveling to the science museum in 8 buses. There are 40 students on each bus. How many students are going to the museum?

Lesson Check (CC.3.NBT.3)

- Each snack pack holds 20 crackers. How many crackers in all are there in 4 snack packs?
 - (A) 60
 - (B) 80
 - (C) 100
 - (D) 800
- A machine makes 70 springs each hour. How many springs will the machine make in 8 hours?
 - (A) 500
 - (B) 520
 - (C) 540
 - (D) 560

Spiral Review (CC.3.OA.1, CC.3.NBT.1, CC.3.MD.4)

- Lila read 142 pages on Friday and 168 pages on Saturday. Which is the best estimate of how many pages Lila read on Friday and Saturday combined? (Lesson 1.3)
 - (A) 100
 - (B) 200
 - (C) 300
 - (D) 400
- Jessica wrote $6 + 6 + 6 + 6$ on the board. Which is another way to show $6 + 6 + 6 + 6$? (Lesson 3.2)
 - (A) 4×4
 - (B) 4×6
 - (C) $4 \times 4 \times 6$
 - (D) 6×6

Use the line plot for 5–6.

- Eliot made a line plot to record the number of birds he saw at his bird feeder. How many more sparrows than blue jays did he see? (Lesson 2.7)
 - (A) 2
 - (B) 3
 - (C) 4
 - (D) 5
- How many robins and cardinals combined did Eliot see? (Lesson 2.7)
 - (A) 2
 - (B) 3
 - (C) 4
 - (D) 5

