## **Grade 3 Shape and Space: Additional Sample 1**

## Sorting and Comparing 3-D Solids

## Context

The students have previously built models of 3-D solids from straws and plasticine, manipulated and grouped 3-D solids, and charted the faces, edges, and vertices of 3-D solids. They have also played the "What am I?" game (described below) before, using other topics and concepts.

## **Mathematical Concepts**

- identify and count faces, vertices, and edges of 3-D objects
- examine 3-D object and pictures of these objects to determine faces, vertices, or edges than can and can not be seen
- describe and name pyramids and prisms by the shape of the base
- use the terms faces, edges, and vertices to compare two different 3-D objects

#### **Process**

In the "What am I game?" the teacher has a list of clues and the students ask for clues by number (e.g., what is clue #4?) or make a guess.

- faces
- edges
- vertices
- can roll or not?
- pyramid or prism?
- shape of faces or base
- shape of faces II
- compare to natural object

Students were asked to prepare a set of clues for the game by writing as many as they could in a set amount of time.

During the game, students worked on a sheet that had diagrams of 3-D solids around the margins for reference.

After the game, they were asked to write the name of their 3-D solid on a second sheet of paper, to colour other 3-D solids with some of the same attributes as theirs, and to describe why the coloured solids belonged to the same group.

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A	has fewer faces than a

Finally students were asked to complete the following two sentences:

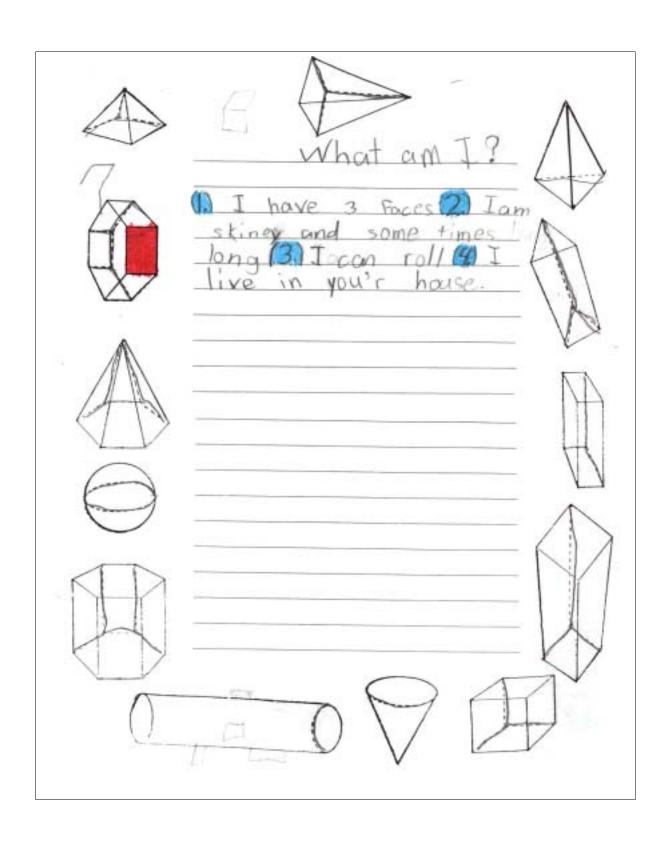
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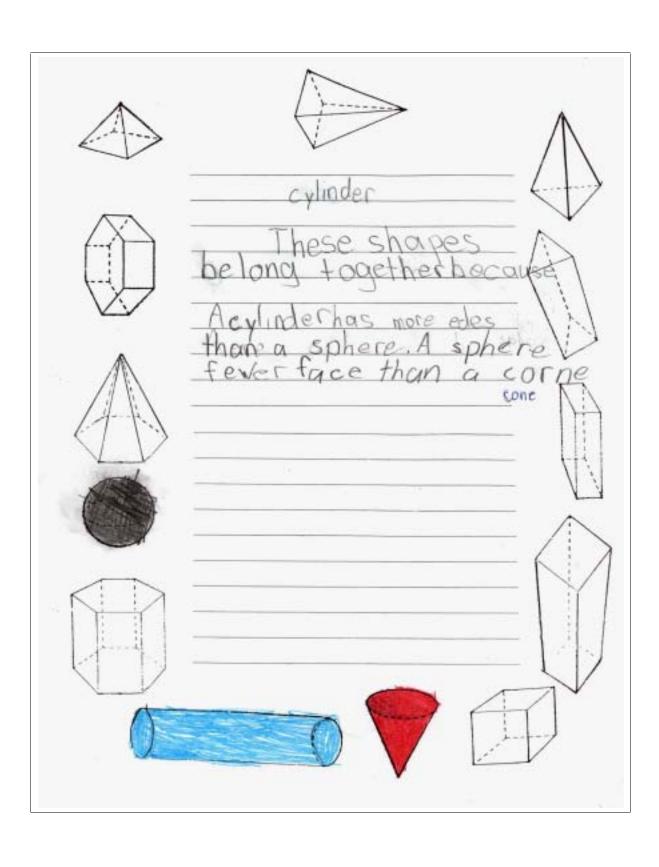
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### **Teacher's Observations**

This student was very slow to start because he could not decide which 3-D solid to choose. He had difficulty recording the clues, using mathematical terms (edge, face), and explaining his answers. He was not able to identify an attribute to use to group 3-D solids in the second part of the task.

- has difficulty applying mathematical concepts to everyday problems
- requires ongoing help to follow modelled procedures and complete tasks
- includes major errors in recording
- work may be unclear, confusing, or presented in an inconsistent format
- unable to explain or demonstrate how to complete most or all parts of the task



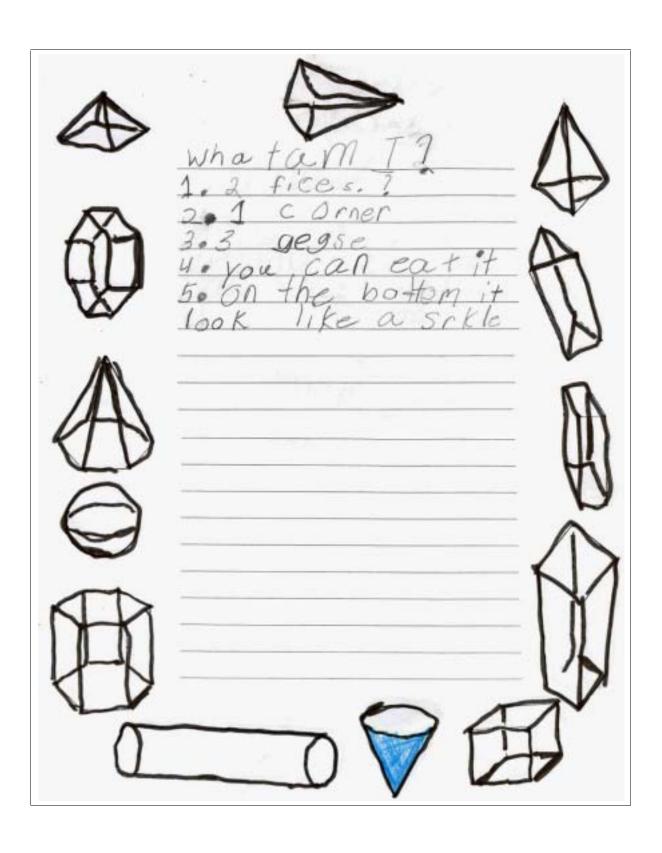


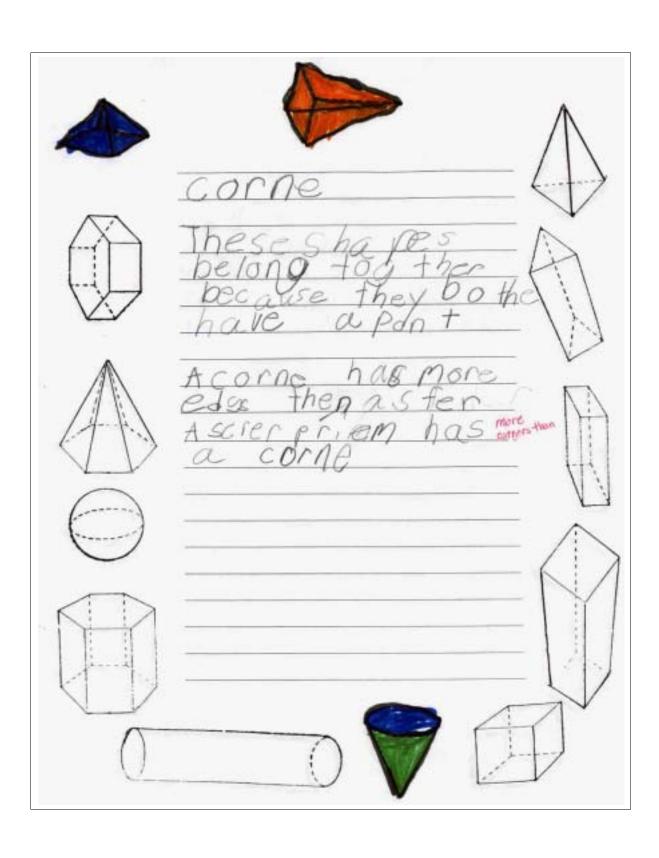
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## **Teacher's Observations**

The student needed some prompting to remember and apply previous learning; e.g., what edges are. In the second part of the task, he was not able to identify all the 3-D solids that had his chosen attribute (a point.)

- with prompting, identifies ways to apply mathematics to everyday problems similar to those previously explored
- may need prompting to use spatial sense
- attempts to follow modelled procedures
- work is generally clear, nay be confusing to follow in some places



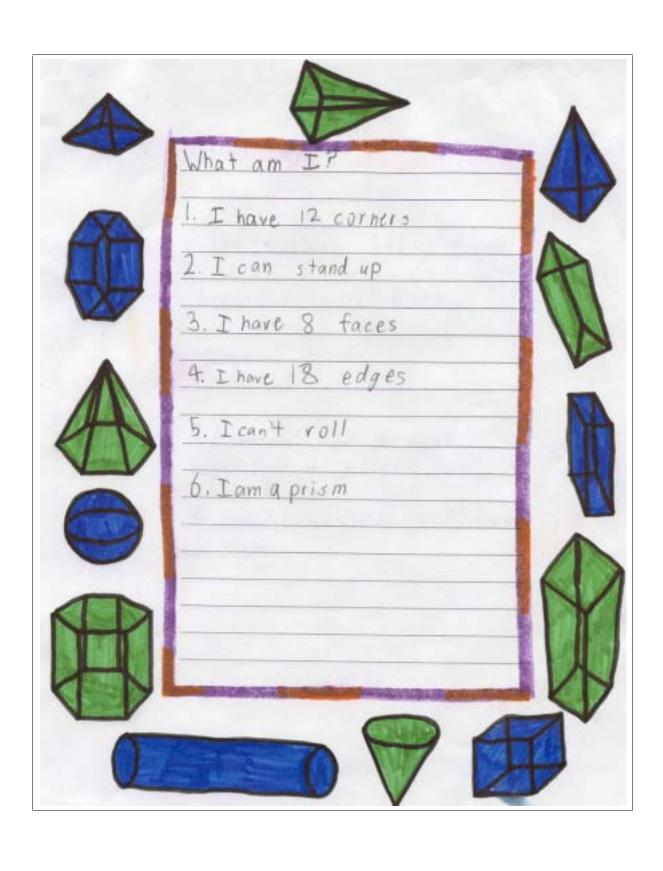


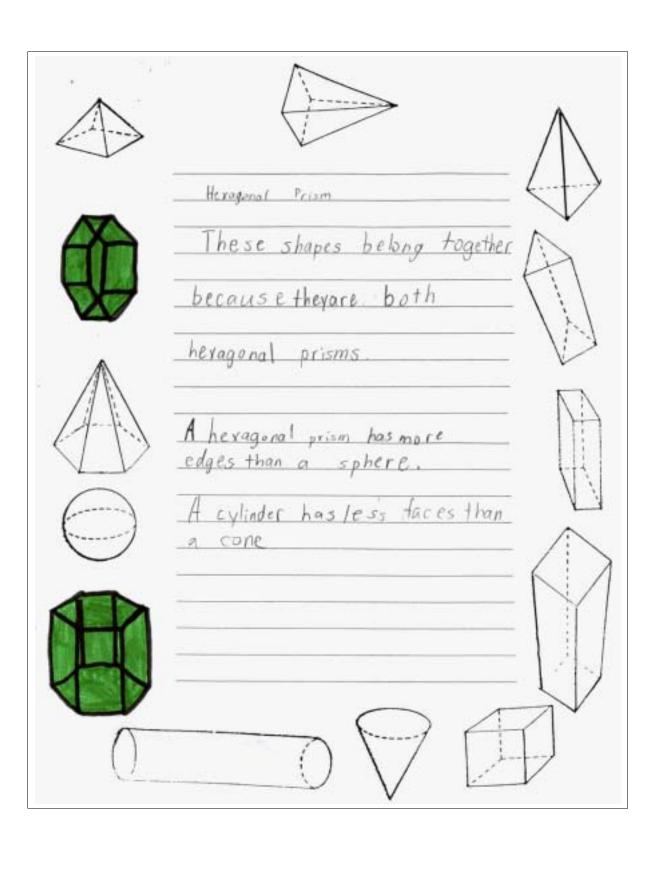
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## **Teacher's Observations**

The student completed all parts of the basic task accurately. He used a set of attributes, those of a hexagonal prism, for the second part of the task.

- in situations similar to those recently experienced, can select and apply some appropriate rules to solve simple problems
- follows modelled procedures
- recording is generally accurate
- work is generally clear and easy to follow





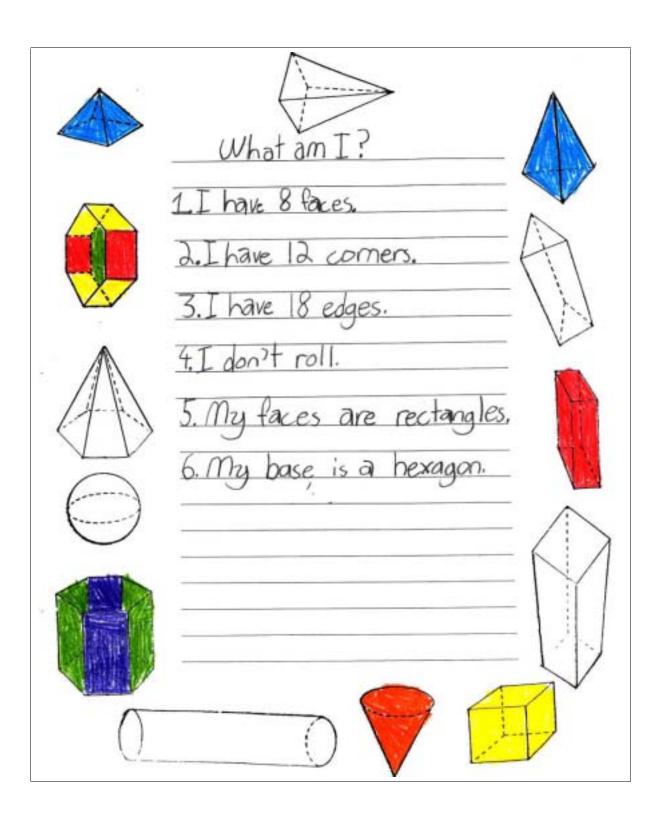
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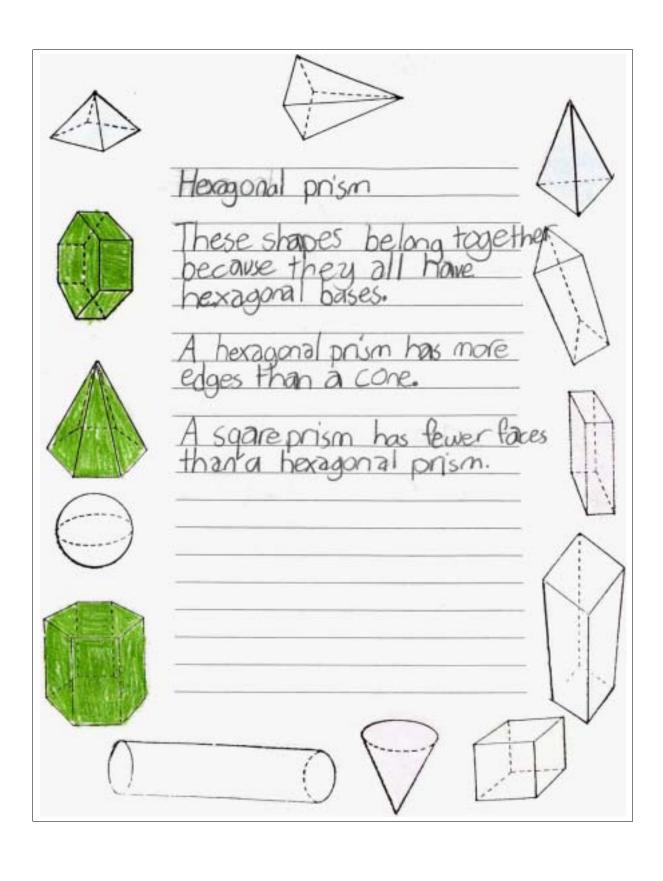
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## **Teacher's Observations**

This student completed all parts of the task accurately and efficiently. He used appropriate mathematical terminology to describe 3-D solids and also correctly named their 2-D faces.

- selects and applies appropriate rules to solve simple problems
- applies spatial sense
- follows modelled procedures
- recording is accurate
- work is clear, easy to follow





# Grade 3 Measurement: Additional Sample 1 What to Do and Wear in Different Climates

## Context

The students in this class were working on a unit on temperature and climate. They had learned to read thermometers and recorded local temperature each day for a month. The class had discussed how average daily temperatures vary with the seasons, and with climates in different parts of the world.

## **Mathematical Concepts**

- relate temperature to everyday situations
- solve problems that involve mathematics within other disciplines (e.g., social studies, science)

## **Process**

Student were asked to think of three vacation destinations – one with a hot climate, one with a cold climate, and one with a moderate climate, and to specify the season they would visit the destination. Students recorded the average daily temperatures for their destinations, then suggested a list of things to do, and clothes they would pack for each of their three possible vacations.

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#### **Teacher's Observations**

This student required some one-to-one help to complete the task. She was unable to identify reasonable average daily temperatures for each destination. Although the class dealt only with Celsius scale, some of the student's difficulties seemed to stem from confusion between the Celsius and Farenheit scales. She was able to suggest appropriate clothes and things to do for the extremely hot and cold climates, but had more difficulty with the moderate climate. She did not specify a season for Calgary, and all the activities suggested are climate and temperature neutral.

- has difficulty applying mathematical concepts to everyday problems
- estimates and predictions may be wildly illogical
- required ongoing help to complete tasks
- unable to verify the answer by using estimations
- often includes major errors in recording
- work may be unclear, confusing

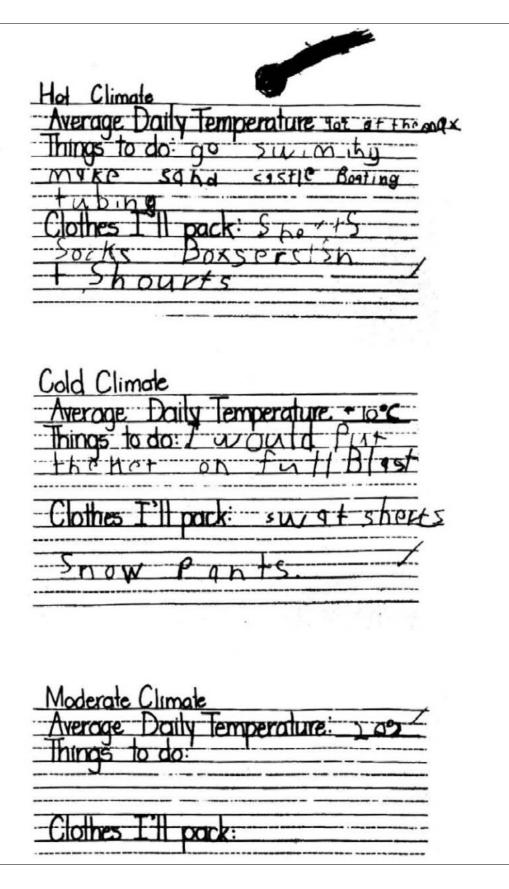
Hot Climate California adventure Average Daily Temperature (60° F) Things to do: I'll take some nides and buy cloths and hats. Clothes I'll pack: My bathing suit, my purple shorts, and my water bottle.	POCK
Cold Climate The Arctic  Average Daily Temperature - 2°C  Things to do: I'll you ice fishing  and pet some golar bears.  I'll play in the snow.  Clothes I'll pack: 2 socks, 2 shirts,  2 pants and a 2 coated snow  sait.	
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## **Teacher's Observations**

The student completed most parts of the basic task correctly. He identified correct temperature ranges for each climate. Although he told the teacher his destinations orally, he did not record them. The work is incomplete.

- in familiar situations, most estimates are within the bounds of logic
- attempts to follow modelled procedures
- some recording errors
- work is generally clear



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## **Teacher's Observations**

The student identified correct temperature ranges, including seasons in some cases, for his chosen destinations. He showed a good understanding of how temperature and climate affect our activities.

- can identify ways that mathematical skills and concepts can be used to solve everyday problems
- in familiar situations, makes logical estimates and predictions
- follows modelled procedures
- recording is generally accurate
- work is generally clear and easy to follow

Hot Climate Barbatos "Winter  Average Daily Temperature 25°(  Things to do: Go swiming in  the Ocean! Go to the  local shops Eat out!  Clothes I'll pack: T-shirts, bathing sub,  shorts and thats it.
Average Daily Temperature = 12. Things to do: Oo string! Flay  Though to be a show ball fight!!  Clothes I'll pack; weater, sweat pants,  snow gear and longsocks.
Moderate Climate Prince Gorge in Fall Average Daily Temperature: 20°C Things to do: Rick your bikes. Hee Your chalk. Play socces.  Clothes I'll pack: T-shirt, pants shortsand socks.

## **Grade 3 Measurement: Additional Sample 2**

## I spy something that is 20 cm

## Context

This class was working on a measurement unit and had numerous previous experiences measuring length with non-standard and standard units.

## **Mathematical Concepts**

 estimate, measure, record, compare, and order objects by length, using standards units

#### **Process**

The students were asked to look around the classroom and list ten objects that they thought were approximatey 20 cm in length. When they had completed their list, they circled the one that they thought was closest to 20 cm, then measured each object and recorded its actual length. Students then put the objects in order from largest to smallest, and answered questions about what they found out.

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## **Teacher's Observations**

The student completed most parts of the task correctly. Most of his estimates were within the bounds of logic, but a few are not, even though the teacher prompted him to visually compare the length of some of his objects. He knew how to measure but required some assistance to measure accurately.

- in situations similar to those recently experienced, can select and apply some appropriate tools to solve simple problems
- in familiar situations, most estimates and predictions are within the bounds of logic; may need prompting to use spatial sense
- attempts to follow modelled procedures
- obtains some inaccurate results when using tools

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Step 4 Answer these questions as best as you can  1) How did you get your measurements?
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2) Write down anything that you found out.  Some things are
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## **Teacher's Observations**

This student's estimates were quite accurate. He measured independently and accurately.

- in situations similar to those recently experienced, selects and applies appropriate tools to solve simple problems
- in familiar situations, makes logical estimates and predictions using spatial sense
- follows modelled procedures
- obtains generally accurate results when using tools
- recording is generally accurate
- work is generally clear and easy to follow

## I Spy Something That Is 20 cm

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	3) Rock book 21 cm
	4) Video door 20 cm
	5) Sodoko book 19 cm
	o clay plant pot 17cm
	7) felt 15 cm
	s) computer screen 15 cm
	» chalk brush 13cm
	10) Side of Mrs. Wiles glasses 13cm

Step 4 Answer these questions as best as you can 1) How did you get your measurements? neasurements by going around and measuring everything I wrote down. 2) Write down anything that you found out. I found out that every thing I thought was Jam wasn't 20am. 3) Why do you think some things are less than 20 cm Well Sometimes smaller than bigger because you can get more &

# Grade 3 Problem Solving: Additional Sample 1 Pigs and Chickens

#### Context

This class had considerable previous experience with problem solving and the students were used to talking about their problem solving strategies. Students had also completed and intensive study of multiplication using a variety of models (e.g. skip counting, repeated addition, and arrays).

## **Mathematical Concepts**

- solve problems that involve one or more content areas
- analyze problems to develop a plan (e.g., identify key words, relevant information
- develop specific skills in selecting and using an appropriate problem-solving strategy or combination of strategies from, but not restricted to: guess and check; identify patterns; use a list, chart, or table; make and use a picture or diagram; role play; model using objects; work backward; simplify the original problem
- verify that solutions to problems are correct and reasonable
- communicate an understanding of a problem, the process used to solve it, and the justification of the solution
- solve problems individually and cooperatively

#### **Process**

The teacher gave the students the following scenario:

A farmer counted 20 animal legs on his farm. He had pigs and chickens. What combinations of pigs and chickens could there be?

The teacher suggested that students use a table to organize their work, but she did not tell students what to put in their tables, or give them suggestions about any systematic way of recording.

[Note: this problem comes from the grade 4 FSA sample questions.]

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## **Teacher's Observations**

This student required some support to come up with one table. He was not willing to look for other possible solutions.

- has difficulty applying mathematical concepts to everyday problems
- requires ongoing help to complete tasks
- unable to analyze simple problems to develop a plan
- unable to explain or demonstrate how to complete most or all parts of the task

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## **Teacher's Observations**

This student worked independently to find one combination but was not able to explain his reasoning. He knew there were more combinations possible but could not think of a way to find them.

- with prompting, identifies ways to apply mathematics to solve everyday problems similar to those previously explored
- attempts to follow modelled procedures
- work is generally clear
- unable to explain or demonstrate how to complete most or all parts of the task

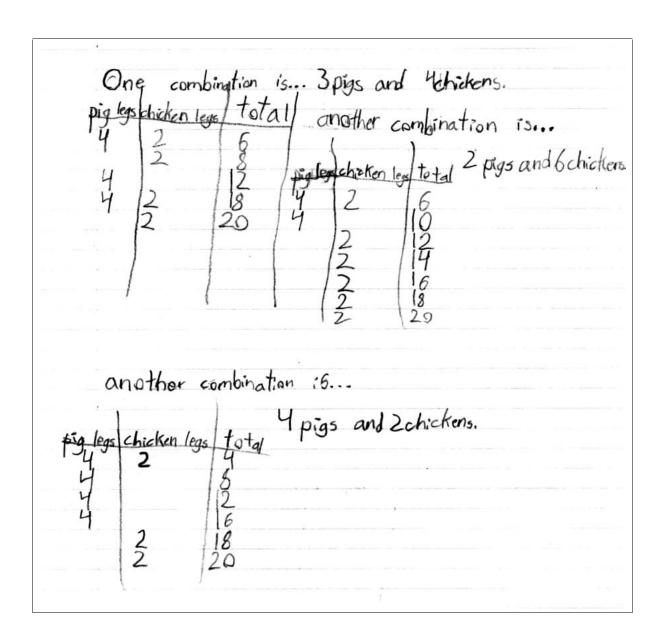
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## **Teacher's Observations**

This student attempted to try every number of pigs from one to four, although he ran out of time before he completed his strategy.

- in situations similar to those recently experienced, selects and applies appropriate operations, strategies, or methods to solve simple problems
- follows modelled procedures
- work is generally clear and easy to follow
- explains processes and results in own words



# **Exceeds Expectations**

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### **Teacher's Observations**

This student figured out that there would be four possible combinations before completing the table. He worked independently and systematically through 4, 3, 2, and 1 pig, to confirm that he had exhausted all the possibilities. He finished well before the rest of the class.

- selects and applies appropriate rules, operations, strategies, or methods to solve simple problems
- follows modelled procedures; may find an alternate procedure or shortcut
- analyzes problem to develop an efficient plan
- independently verifies answers or results
- work is clear, detailed, and well-organized
- explains processes and results in own words, using appropriate mathematical language; demonstrates strategies and processes used