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Unit 5, Lesson 9: Using the Partial Quotients Method

Let's divide whole numbers.

9.1: Using Base-Ten Diagrams to Calculate Quotients

Elena used base-ten diagrams to find $372 \div 3$. She started by representing 372.



She made 3 groups, each with 1 hundred. Then, she put the tens and ones in each of the 3 groups. Here is her diagram for $372 \div 3$.

hundreds	tens	ones

Discuss with a partner:

- Elena's diagram for 372 has 7 tens. The one for $372 \div 3$ has only 6 tens. Why?
- Where did the extra ones (small squares) come from?

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9.2: Using the Partial Quotients Method to Calculate Quotients

1. Andre calculated $657 \div 3$ using a method that was different from Elena's.

He started by writing the dividend (657) and the divisor (3).	He then subtracted 3 groups of different amounts from 657, starting with 3 groups	then 3 groups of 10, and then 3 groups of 9.	Andre calculated 200 + 10 + 9 and then wrote 219.			
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	5 7	5 7	5 7			
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		- 2 7	- 2 7			
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Discuss the following questions with a partner:

- Andre subtracted 600 from 657. What does the 600 represent?
- Andre wrote 10 above the 200, and then subtracted 30 from 57. How is the 30 related to the 10?
- What do the numbers 200, 10, and 9 represent?
- $\circ\,$ What is the meaning of the 0 at the bottom of Andre's work?
- 2. How might Andre calculate $896 \div 4$? Explain or show your reasoning.

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9.3: What's the Quotient?

1. Find the quotient of $1,332 \div 9$ using one of the methods you have seen so far. Show your reasoning.

2. Find each quotient and show your reasoning. Use the partial quotients method at least once.

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Lesson 9 Summary

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We can find the quotient $345 \div 3$ in different ways.

One way is to use a base-ten diagram to represent the hundreds, tens, and ones and to create equal-sized groups.



We can think of the division by 3 as splitting up 345 into 3 equal groups.



Each group has 1 hundred, 1 ten, and 5 ones, so $345 \div 3 = 115$. Notice that in order to split 345 into 3 equal groups, one of the tens had to be unbundled or decomposed into 10 ones.

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Another way to divide 345 by 3 is by using the partial quotients method, in which we keep subtracting 3 groups of some amount from 345.

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	4	5			3	0	0	
_	3	0	← 3 groups of 10		- 1	5	0	← 3 groups of 50
	1	5			1	5	0	
	- 1	5	← 3 groups of 5		- 1	5	0	← 3 groups of 50
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- In the calculation on the left, first we subtract 3 groups of 100, then 3 groups of 10, and then 3 groups of 5. Adding up the partial quotients (100 + 10 + 5) gives us 115.
- The calculation on the right shows a different amount per group subtracted each time (3 groups of 15, 3 groups of 50, and 3 more groups of 50), but the total amount in each of the 3 groups is still 115. There are other ways of calculating 345 ÷ 3 using the partial quotients method.

Both the base-ten diagrams and partial quotients methods are effective. If, however, the dividend and divisor are large, as in $1,248 \div 26$, then the base-ten diagrams will be time-consuming.

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1. Here is one way to find $2,105 \div 5$ using partial quotients.

		4	2	1	Show a different way of using partial quotients to divide 2,105 by 5.
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2. Andre and Jada both found $657 \div 3$ using the partial quotients method, but they did the calculations differently, as shown here.

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			9					6	0	
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	2	0	0					5	0	
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a. How is Jada's work similar to and different from Andre's work?

b. Explain why they have the same answer.

3. Which might be a better way to evaluate $1,150 \div 46$: drawing base-ten diagrams or using the partial

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quotients method? Explain your reasoning.

4. Here is an incomplete calculation of $534 \div 6$.



Write the missing numbers (marked with "?") that would make the calculation complete.

- 5. Use the partial quotients method to find $1,032 \div 43$.
- 6. Which of the polygons has the greatest area?
 - A. A rectangle that is 3.25 inches wide and 6.1 inches long.
 - B. A square with side length of 4.6 inches.
 - C. A parallelogram with a base of 5.875 inches and a height of 3.5 inches.
 - D. A triangle with a base of 7.18 inches and a height of 5.4 inches.

(from Unit 5, Lesson 8)

- 7. One micrometer is a millionth of a meter. A certain spider web is 4 micrometers thick. A fiber in a shirt is 1 hundred-thousandth of a meter thick.
 - a. Which is wider, the spider web or the fiber? Explain your reasoning.

b. How many meters wider?



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(from Unit 5, Lesson 4)