

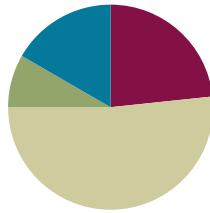
Lesson 6

Objective: Interpret measurement data from various line plots.

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Suggested Lesson Structure

■ Fluency Practice	(14 minutes)
■ Application Problem	(5 minutes)
■ Concept Development	(31 minutes)
■ Student Debrief	(10 minutes)
Total Time	(60 minutes)



Fluency Practice (14 minutes)

- Group Counting **3.OA.1** (3 minutes)
- Multiply by 6 **3.OA.7** (7 minutes)
- Read Bar Graphs **3.MD.3** (4 minutes)

Group Counting (3 minutes)

Note: Group counting reviews interpreting multiplication as repeated addition.

T: Count by sevens. (Write as students count.)

S: 7, 14, 21, 28, 35, 42, 49, 56, 63, 70.

T: Let's count again. Try not to look at the board. When I raise my hand, stop.

S: 7, 14, 21.

T: (Raise hand.) 21 is the same as how many sevens?

S: 3 sevens.

T: Say 3 sevens as a multiplication sentence.

S: $3 \times 7 = 21$.

T: Continue.

S: 28, 35, 42, 49, 56.

T: (Raise hand.) 56 is how many sevens?

S: 8 sevens.

T: Say 8 sevens as a multiplication sentence.

S: $8 \times 7 = 56$.

T: (Write $14 \div 7 = \underline{\quad}$.) Let's find the answer counting by sevens.

S: 7, 14.

- T: How many sevens are in 14?
S: 2 sevens.
T: Say the division number sentence.
S: $14 \div 7 = 2$.

Continue the process for the following possible sequence: $28 \div 7$ and $63 \div 7$.

Multiply by 6 (7 minutes)

Materials: (S) Multiply by 6 Pattern Sheet (1–5)

Note: This activity builds fluency with multiplication facts using units of 6. It works toward students knowing from memory all products of two one-digit numbers.

- T: (Write $5 \times 6 = \underline{\quad}$.) Let's skip-count by sixes to find the answer. (Count with fingers to 5 as students count.)
S: 6, 12, 18, 24, 30.
T: (Circle 30 and write $5 \times 6 = 30$ above it. Write $3 \times 6 = \underline{\quad}$.) Let's skip-count by sixes again. (Count with fingers to 3 as students count.)
S: 6, 12, 18.
T: Let's see how we can skip-count down to find the answer, too. Start at 30 with 5 fingers, 1 for each six. (Count down with your fingers as students say numbers.)
S: 30 (five fingers), 24 (4 fingers), 18 (3 fingers).

Repeat the process for 4×6 .

- T: (Distribute Multiply by 6 Pattern Sheet.) Let's practice multiplying by 6. Be sure to work left to right across the page.

Directions for Administration of *Multiply By Pattern Sheet*

- Distribute *Multiply By* pattern sheet.
- Allow a maximum of two minutes for students to complete as many problems as possible.
- Direct students to work left to right across the page.
- Encourage skip-counting strategies to solve unknown facts.

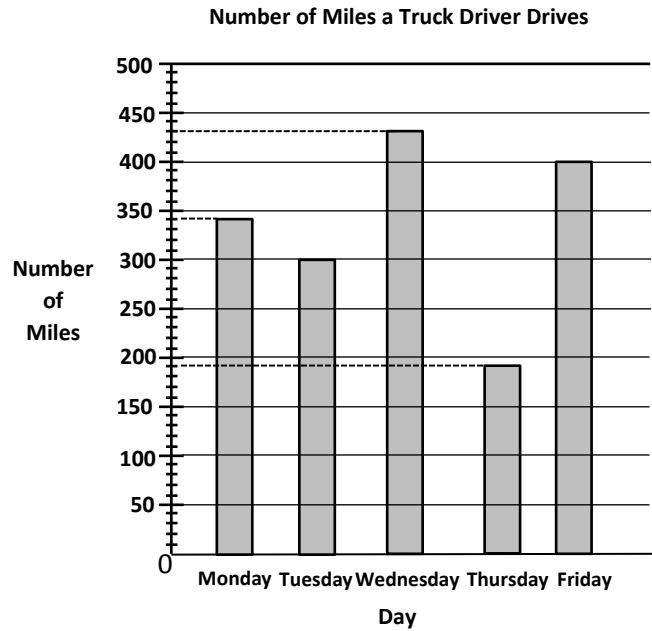
Read Bar Graphs (4 minutes)

Materials: (S) Personal white boards

Note: This fluency reviews G3–M6–Lesson 4. Students may initially need support beyond what is written below to find the exact number of miles driven, slightly extending the time this activity takes.

- T: (Project bar graph.) What does this bar graph show?
S: The number of miles a truck driver drove Monday through Friday.

- T: On which day did the truck driver drive the most miles?
 S: Wednesday.
 T: On which day did the truck driver drive the least number of miles?
 S: Thursday.
 T: What is the labeled interval of the scale for number of miles?
 S: 50.
 T: How many intervals are there between each 50?
 S: 5.
 T: On your boards, write a number sentence to show the value of the smaller intervals.
 S: (Write $50 \div 5 = 10$.)
 T: How many miles did the truck driver drive on Monday?
 S: 340.
 T: (Write 340.)

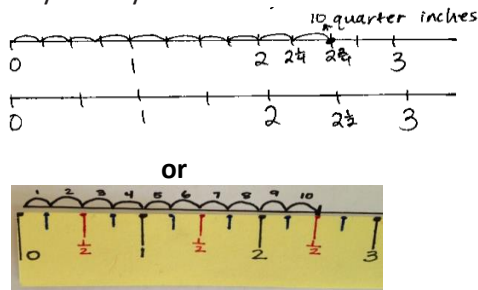


Continue the process for the following: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

- T: Write a number sentence to find how many miles the truck driver drove from Monday through Wednesday.
 S: (Write $340 + 300 + 430 = 1,070$.)
 T: Write a number sentence to find how many more miles the truck driver drove on Friday than on Thursday.
 S: (Write $400 - 190 = 210$.)

Application Problem (5 minutes)

Katelynn measures the height of her bean plant on Monday and again on Friday. She says that her bean plant grew 10 quarter inches. Her partner records $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches on their growth chart for the week. Is her partner right? Why or why not?

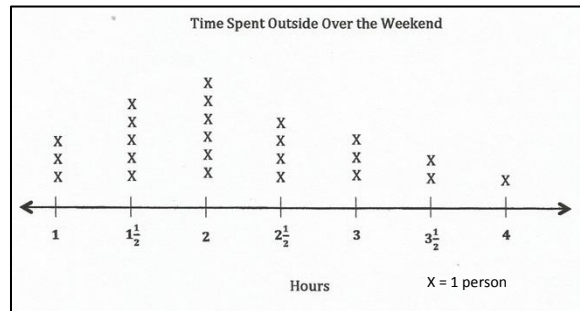


Yes, her partner is right. I drew a ruler divided into quarter inches and 10 quarter inches is $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches. Then I drew another ruler divided into half inches. I can see that $2\frac{1}{4}$ is the same as $2\frac{1}{2}$ on my rulers.

Note: This problem reviews the relationship between quarter, half, and whole inches from G3–M6–Lesson 5. Students can choose to draw their own rulers or use the rulers they made from Lesson 6 to solve the problem.

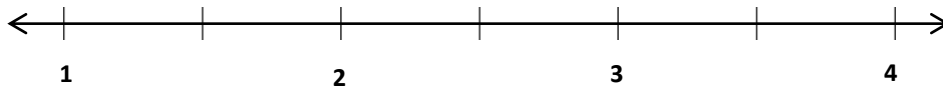
Concept Development (31 minutes)

Materials: (T) Time Spent Outside Over the Weekend line plot (S) Personal white board, blank paper, markers, Time Spent Outside Over the Weekend line plot



Problem 1: Use line plots with fractions to display measurement data.

T: (Project line plot, but only reveal the number line, as shown. Point to the tick mark between 1 and 2.) What should I label this tick mark on the number line?



S: $1\frac{1}{2}$ because it looks like it's halfway between 1 and 2. → $1\frac{1}{2}$ because it's 1 whole and half of another whole.

T: (Label $1\frac{1}{2}$.) When I point to each tick mark, tell me what to write. (Point to the tick marks between 2 and 3 and then 3 and 4, respectively labeling them $2\frac{1}{2}$ and $3\frac{1}{2}$.)

T: Talk to a partner. How is this number line similar to the ruler we made yesterday? How is it different?

S: They both show the numbers from 1 to 4. The ruler actually goes to 6 inches. → They're both lines marked with whole units and fraction units. → The number line shows the halves between each whole number, but the ruler shows quarter inches too.

T: (Reveal the rest of the line plot.) What does the number 1 on this line plot represent?

S: 1 hour.

T: What does the number $1\frac{1}{2}$ represent?

S: One and 1 half hours. → One full hour and half of another hour. → One hour and 30 minutes.

T: What if the label on our line plot was people instead of hours, could we have fractions?

S: What is a fraction of a person? → My dad always says, "When I was half your size." → No, it

wouldn't make sense because you can't have a fraction of a person.

T: So when we use fractions on line plots, we need to make sure that it makes sense for the units to be given as fractions. Talk to your partner. What else besides time could you show on a line plot with fractions?

S: The lengths of our straws from yesterday. → The heights of our classmates. → Our shoe sizes. → The heights of our bean plants. → Anything we can measure!

T: That's right, we can show measurements on a line plot with fractions. How is a line plot like a bar graph or tape diagram?

S: The X's are like the units of 1 in a tape diagram. → The X's look like bars. → The tallest column of X's shows the most.

T: Which amount of time spent outside has the most X's?

S: 2 hours!

T: When we made bar graphs and picture graphs, we used the word favorite to talk about the data that had the largest value. Does it make sense to say 2 hours was the favorite amount of time spent outside?

S: No.

T: We can say that 2 hours was the most **frequent** or **common** amount of time spent outside because it has the most X's. What was the second most frequent amount of time spent outside?

S: $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

T: What does each X on the line plot represent?

S: A person!

T: How many people spent $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours outside?

S: 4 people!



NOTES ON MULTIPLE MEANS OF ENGAGEMENT:

Give English language learners guided practice using *frequent*, *common*, *at least*, *more than*, and *less than* as they speak and write their observations about data and otherwise. Have students practice with partners using sentence frames like the ones below.

- The most frequently used word in our class is _____.
- The least number of students have names beginning with the letter _____.
- The most common excuse for not having homework is _____.

Problem 2: Read and interpret line plots with fractions.

Students work in groups of four to write true statements about the Time Spent Outside Over the Weekend line plot. The goal is to write as many true statements as possible in the time given. Each student in the group uses a different colored marker and can only write with his or her specified color. This ensures engagement and equal participation in this activity. Groups then prepare a poster with their statements to present to the class.

If time allows, the class can create a new line plot for this part of the lesson. Students can measure their pencils to the nearest quarter inch. Then they can record their pencil's measurement on a class line plot, using stickers (e.g., stars or colored dots) or by making X's.

Prepare students:

1. Write a list of words that the students must include in their statements. This list should include the following words: *at least*, *frequent*, *less than*, and *more than*. Be sure to check for understanding of these words.

2. To achieve the highest score of 4, each of the following must be included and be correct:
 - a. A statement using the word *frequent* or *common*.
 - b. A statement using the words *at least*.
 - c. A comparison statement using *more than* requiring subtraction to solve.
 - d. A comparison statement using *less than* requiring subtraction to solve.
3. Remind students that you will check for equal participation by looking at the amount of each color marker on the poster.

For the presentation, students can do a modified gallery walk, where one student from each group stays at the poster to be available to answer any questions about the statements.

Problem Set (10 minutes)

Students should do their personal best to complete the Problem Set within the allotted 10 minutes. For some classes, it may be appropriate to modify the assignment by specifying which problems they work on first. Some problems do not specify a method for solving. Students solve these problems using the RDW approach used for Application Problems.

Student Debrief (10 minutes)

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The Student Debrief is intended to invite reflection and active processing of the total lesson experience.

Invite students to review their solutions for the Problem Set. They should check work by comparing answers with a partner before going over answers as a class. Look for misconceptions or misunderstandings that can be addressed in the Debrief. Guide students in a conversation to debrief the Problem Set and process the lesson.

You may choose to use any combination of the questions below to lead the discussion.

- Using your answers from Problems 1(a) and (b), what subtraction number sentence could you use to find the number of children who are at least 53 inches tall? ($15 - 6 = 9$)

NOTES ON MULTIPLE MEANS OF REPRESENTATION:

Students working below grade level may benefit from modifications to Problem 2 of the Problem Set that make the data easier to discern. Consider the following:

- Enlarge the Length of Caterpillars line plot.
- Have students label column totals.
- Have students mark or highlight data they have counted.
- Draw rectangles around data in each column, or cover remaining data with a piece of paper to help students focus on one set of data at a time.

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Name: Gina Date: _____

1. Coach Harris measures the heights of the children on his 3rd grade basketball team in inches. The heights are shown on the line plot below.

Heights of Children on 3rd Grade Basketball Team

a. How many children are on the team? How do you know?
 There are 15 children on the team. I know because I counted the x's.

b. How many children are less than 53 inches tall?
 Six children are less than 53 inches tall.

c. Coach Harris says that the most common height for the children on his team is 53½ inches. Is he right? Explain your answer.
 No, he's not right. There are 2 most common heights, 52 inches and 53½ inches because they both have the most children, 3.

d. Coach Harris says that the player who does the tip-off in the beginning of the game has to be at least 54 inches tall. How many children could do the tip-off?
 Four children could do the tip-off.

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- How many half inches does the child who is $52\frac{1}{2}$ inches tall need to grow to be tall enough to do the tip-off?
- How is the scale on the line plot in Problem 2 different from the scale on the line plot in Problem 1?
- What is the most **frequent** length of the caterpillars in Problem 2? Is there another way you can say that measurement? ($4\frac{1}{2}$ inches.)
- What kind of data can be shown on a line plot with fractions? Are there any limitations?
- How did the Application Problem prepare you for today's lesson?

Exit Ticket (3 minutes)

After the Student Debrief, instruct students to complete the Exit Ticket. A review of their work will help you assess the students' understanding of the concepts that were presented in the lesson today and plan more effectively for future lessons. You may read the questions aloud to the students.

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2. Miss Vernier's class is studying caterpillars. The lengths of the caterpillars in centimeters are shown in the line plot below.

a. How many caterpillars did the class measure? How do you know?
 The class measured 30 caterpillars. I know because I counted the X's.

b. Cara says that there are more caterpillars $3\frac{3}{4}$ centimeters long than caterpillars that are $3\frac{3}{4}$ and $4\frac{1}{4}$ centimeters long combined. Is she right? Explain your answer.
 6 caterpillars are $3\frac{3}{4}$ cm
 $4 + 4 = 8$ caterpillars that are $3\frac{3}{4}$ and $4\frac{1}{4}$ cm
 No, she's wrong because there are more caterpillars that are $3\frac{3}{4}$ and $4\frac{1}{4}$ cm long than $3\frac{3}{4}$ cm.

c. Madeline finds a caterpillar hiding under a leaf. She measures it and it is $4\frac{3}{4}$ centimeters long. Plot the length of the caterpillar on the line plot.

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Multiply.

$6 \times 1 = \underline{\quad\quad}$ $6 \times 2 = \underline{\quad\quad}$ $6 \times 3 = \underline{\quad\quad}$ $6 \times 4 = \underline{\quad\quad}$

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Name _____

Date _____

1. Coach Harris measures the heights of the children on his third-grade basketball team in inches. The heights are shown on the line plot below.

Heights of Children on Third-Grade Basketball Team



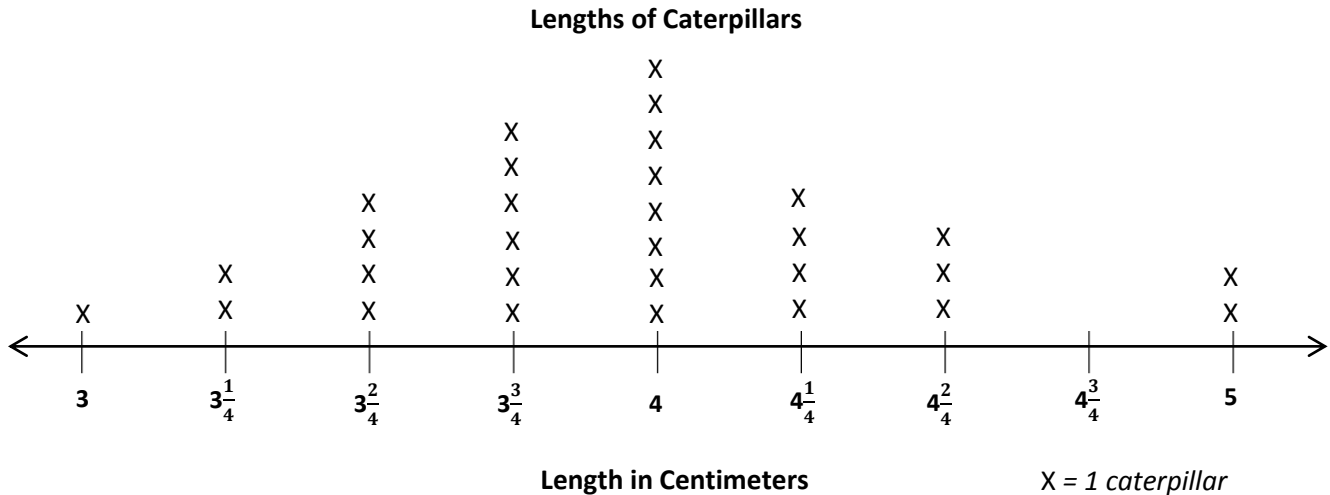
- a. How many children are on the team? How do you know?

- b. How many children are less than 53 inches tall?

- c. Coach Harris says that the most common height for the children on his team is $53\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Is he right? Explain your answer.

- d. Coach Harris says that the player who does the tip-off in the beginning of the game has to be at least 54 inches tall. How many children could do the tip-off?

2. Miss Vernier’s class is studying caterpillars. The lengths of the caterpillars in centimeters are shown in the line plot below.



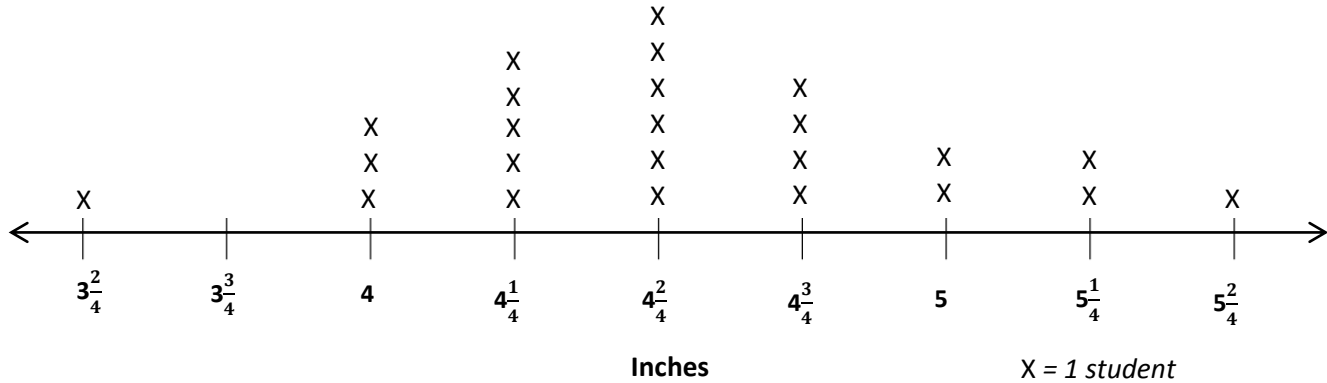
- a. How many caterpillars did the class measure? How do you know?
- b. Cara says that there are more caterpillars $3\frac{3}{4}$ centimeters long than caterpillars that are $3\frac{2}{4}$ and $4\frac{1}{4}$ centimeters long combined. Is she right? Explain your answer.
- c. Madeline finds a caterpillar hiding under a leaf. She measures it and it is $4\frac{3}{4}$ centimeters long. Plot the length of the caterpillar on the line plot.

Name _____

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1. Ms. Bravo measures the lengths of her third-grade students' hands in inches. The lengths are shown on the line plot below.

Lengths of Hands of Third-Grade Students



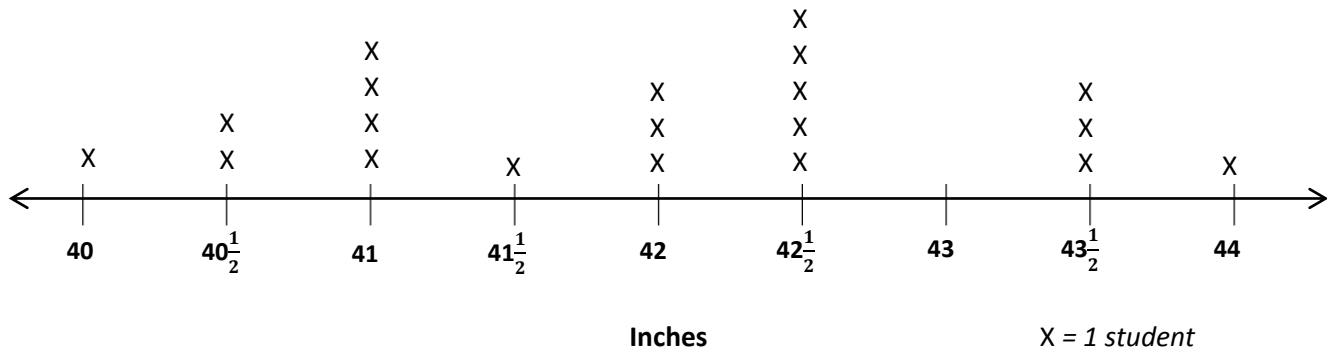
- How many students are in Ms. Bravo's class? How do you know?
- How many students' hands are longer than $4\frac{2}{4}$ inches?
- Darren says that more students' hands are $4\frac{2}{4}$ inches long than 4 and $5\frac{1}{4}$ inches combined. Is he right? Explain your answer.

Name _____

Date _____

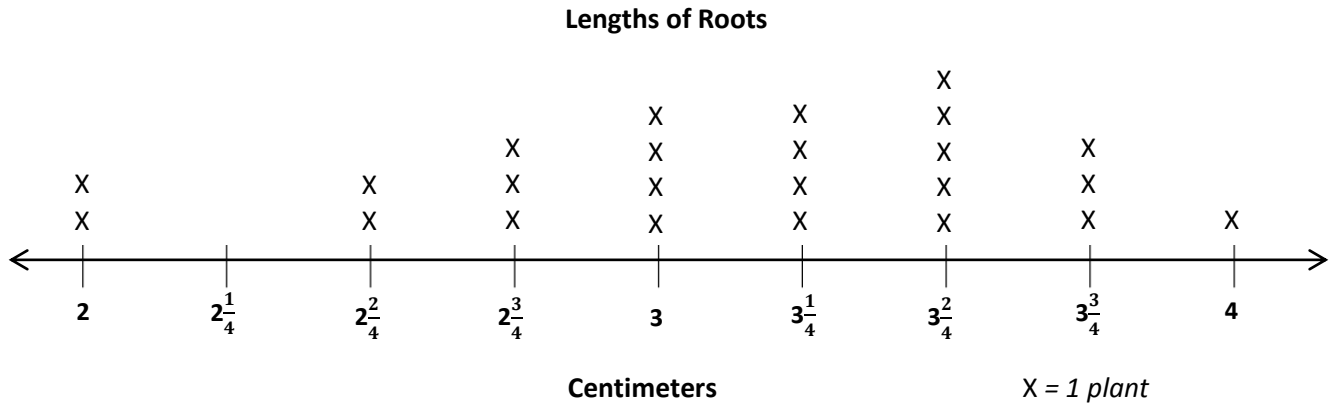
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Heights of Students in Ms. Leal’s Kindergarten Class



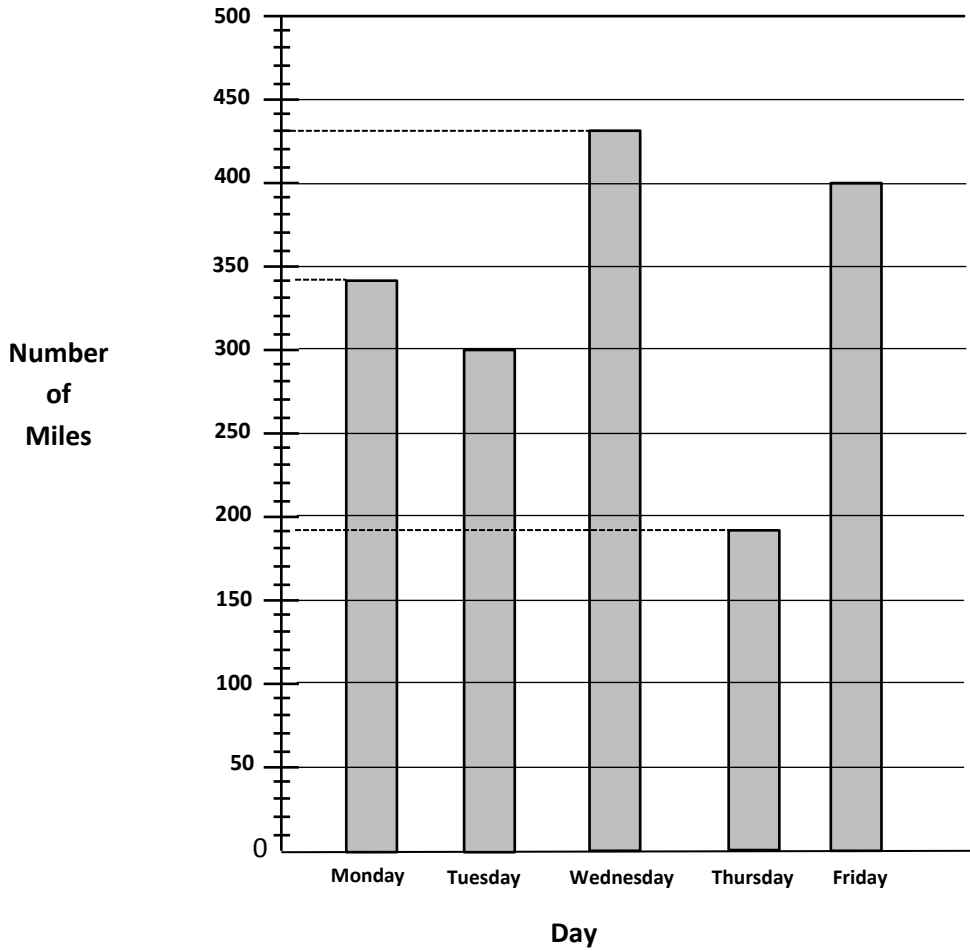
- How many students in Ms. Leal’s class are 41 inches tall?
- How many students are in Ms. Leal’s class? How do you know?
- How many students in Ms. Leal’s class are more than 42 inches tall?
- Ms. Leal says that for the class picture students in the back row must be at least $42\frac{1}{2}$ inches tall. How many students will be in the back row?

2. Mr. Stein’s class is studying plants. They plant seeds in clear plastic bags and measure the lengths of the roots. The lengths of the roots in centimeters are shown in the line plot below.



- a. How many roots did Mr. Stein’s class measure? How do you know?
- b. Teresa says that the 3 most frequent measurements in order from shortest to longest are $3\frac{1}{4}$ cm, $3\frac{2}{4}$ cm, and $3\frac{3}{4}$ cm. Do you agree? Explain your answer.
- c. Gerald says that the most common measurement is 14 quarter centimeters. Is he right? Why or why not?

Number of Miles a Truck Driver Drives



Time Spent Outside Over the Weekend

