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1.06(x-0.25x)	0.75(x+0.06x)
1.06(0.75x)	0.75(1.06x)

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1.06(0.75x)	0.75(1.06x)
1.06(0.75(200))	0.75(1.06(200))
159	159

Using both Megan's and Rylie's methods would show that the boots would cost \$159.

4. Who was right? Explain how you know.

Neither girl was right. They both pay the same amount.

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