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w = number of webpages Sally designs
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135.50w-650
135.50(5) - 650
27.50

After expenses, Sally's take-home pay is $\$ 27.50$.
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## Megan

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

## Rylie

$(x+0.06 x)-0.25(x+0.06 x)$
$0.75(x+0.06 x)$
$0.75(1.06 x)$
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Megan
Rylie
1.06(0.75x)
$0.75(1.06 x)$
1.06(0.75(200))
$0.75(1.06(200))$
159

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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.

