

Oliver Murphy: Discovering Maths 4: EXERCISE 2A

1.

$$A: \quad x - 3y = 4$$

$$B: \quad 5x - 2y = 7$$

$$-2 \times A: \quad -2x + 6y = -8$$

$$3 \times B: \quad \underline{15x - 6y = 21}$$

$$\text{ADD:} \quad 13x = 13 \Rightarrow x = 1$$

Substitute in A:

$$(1) - 3y = 4 \Rightarrow 1 - 4 = 3y \Rightarrow y = -1$$

$$\text{Ans: } x = 1, y = -1$$

2.

$$A: \quad 2x - 3y = 2$$

$$B: \quad 6x + y = 16$$

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$$3 \times B: \quad \underline{18x + 3y = 48}$$

$$\text{ADD:} \quad 20x = 50 \Rightarrow x = 2\frac{1}{2}$$

Substitute in B:

$$6\left(2\frac{1}{2}\right) + y = 16 \Rightarrow y = 16 - 15 = 1$$

$$\text{Ans: } x = 2\frac{1}{2}, y = 1$$

3.

$$A: \quad x - y = 1$$

$$B: \quad 3x + 5y = 7$$

$$5 \times A: \quad 5x - 5y = 5$$

$$B: \quad \underline{3x + 5y = 7}$$

$$\text{ADD:} \quad 8x = 12 \Rightarrow x = 1\frac{1}{2}$$

Substitute in A:

$$\left(1\frac{1}{2}\right) - y = 1 \Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{Ans: } x = 1\frac{1}{2}, y = \frac{1}{2}$$

4.

$$\text{A: } 5x - 3y = 1$$

$$\text{B: } x - y = 0$$

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$$\text{-3} \times \text{B: } \underline{-3x + 3y = 0}$$

$$\text{ADD: } 2x = 1 \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2}$$

Substitute in B:

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - y = 0 \Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{Ans: } x = \frac{1}{2}, y = \frac{1}{2}$$

5.

$$\text{A: } 5x - 3y - 11 = 0$$

$$\text{B: } 3x + 10y + 17 = 0$$

$$10 \times \text{A: } 50x - 30y - 110 = 0$$

$$3 \times \text{B: } \underline{9x + 30y + 51 = 0}$$

$$\text{ADD: } 59x - 59 = 1 \Rightarrow x = 1$$

Substitute in A:

$$5(1) - 3y - 11 = 0 \Rightarrow -6 = 3y \Rightarrow -2 = y$$

$$\text{Ans: } x = 1, y = -2$$

6.

$$\text{A: } 2x - 3y - 2 = 0$$

$$\text{B: } 3x + 8y - 3 = 0$$

$$8 \times \text{A: } 16x - 24y - 16 = 0$$

$$3 \times \text{B: } \underline{9x + 24y - 9 = 0}$$

$$\text{ADD: } 25x - 25 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 1$$

Substitute in B:

$$3(1) + 8y - 3 = 0 \Rightarrow y = 0$$

$$\text{Ans: } x = 1, y = 0$$

7.

$$A: \quad x + 3(y - 1) = 5$$

$$B: \quad 5x + 13 - y = 5$$

Rearrange:

$$A: \quad x + 3y - 3 = 5 \Rightarrow x + 3y = 8$$

$$B: \quad 5x - y = 5 - 13 \Rightarrow 5x - y = -8$$

$$A: \quad x + 3y = 8$$

$$3 \times B: \quad \underline{15x - 3y = -24}$$

$$ADD: \quad 16x = -16 \Rightarrow x = -1$$

Substitute in A:

$$(-1) + 3y = 8 \Rightarrow 3y = 9 \Rightarrow y = 3$$

$$Ans: x = -1, y = 3$$

8.

$$A: \quad 4(x - 3) + 3(y + 1) = 10$$

$$B: \quad 6(x - 4) + 5y = 5$$

Rearrange:

$$A: \quad 4x - 12 + 3y + 3 = 10 \Rightarrow 4x + 3y = 19$$

$$B: \quad 6x - 24 + 5y = 5 \Rightarrow 6x + 5y = 29$$

$$5 \times A: \quad 20x + 15y = 95$$

$$-3 \times B: \quad \underline{-18x - 15y = -87}$$

$$ADD: \quad 2x = 8 \Rightarrow x = 4$$

Substitute in A:

$$4(4) + 3y = 19 \Rightarrow 3y = 3 \Rightarrow y = 1$$

$$Ans: x = 4, y = 1$$

9.

$$A: \quad \frac{x}{2} + \frac{y}{5} = 4 \Rightarrow 10\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + 10\left(\frac{y}{5}\right) = 10 \times 4$$

$$\Rightarrow 5x + 2y = 40$$

$$B: \quad \frac{x}{4} + \frac{y}{2} = 6 \Rightarrow 4\left(\frac{x}{4}\right) + 4\left(\frac{y}{2}\right) = 4 \times 6$$

$$\Rightarrow x + 2y = 24$$

$$A: \quad 5x + 2y = 40$$

$$-B: \quad \underline{-x - 2y = -24}$$

$$ADD: \quad 4x = 16 \Rightarrow x = 4$$

Substitute in A:

$$5(4) + 2y = 40 \Rightarrow 2y = 10 \Rightarrow y = 10$$

$$Ans: x = 4, y = 10$$

10.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{A:} \quad & \frac{x}{2} + y = 13 \\ & \Rightarrow 2\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + 2y = 2 \times 13 \\ & \Rightarrow x + 2y = 26 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{B:} \quad & \frac{x}{7} - \frac{y}{3} = 0 \\ & \Rightarrow 21\left(\frac{x}{7}\right) - 21\left(\frac{y}{3}\right) = 21 \times 0 \\ & \Rightarrow 3x - 7y = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$-3 \times \text{A:} \quad -3x - 6y = -78$$

$$\text{B:} \quad \underline{3x - 7y = 0}$$

$$\text{ADD:} \quad -13y = -78 \Rightarrow y = 6$$

Substitute in A:

$$x + 2(6) = 26 \Rightarrow x = 26 - 12 \Rightarrow x = 14$$

Ans: $x = 14$, $y = 6$

11.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{A:} \quad & \frac{x+y}{5} + \frac{y-x}{2} = 5 \\ & \Rightarrow 10\left(\frac{x+y}{5}\right) + 10\left(\frac{y-x}{2}\right) = 10 \times 5 \\ & \Rightarrow 2x + 2y + 5y - 5x = 50 \\ & \Rightarrow -3x + 7y = 50 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{B:} \quad & \frac{x+2y}{9} = 2 \Rightarrow x + 2y = 2 \times 9 \\ & \Rightarrow x + 2y = 18 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{A:} \quad -3x + 7y = 50$$

$$3 \times \text{B:} \quad \underline{3x + 6y = 54}$$

$$\text{ADD:} \quad 13y = 104 \Rightarrow y = 8$$

Substitute in B:

$$x + 2(8) = 18 \Rightarrow x = 18 - 16 \Rightarrow x = 2$$

Ans: $x = 2$, $y = 8$

12.

$$\text{A: } 5x - 12y - 17 = 0 \Rightarrow 5x - 12y = 17$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{B: } \quad & \frac{1}{9}(x+2) - (y+1) + \frac{3}{2} = 0 \\ & \Rightarrow 18 \times \frac{1}{9}(x+2) - 18(y+1) + 18 \times \frac{3}{2} = 0 \\ & \Rightarrow 2x + 4 - 18y - 18 + 27 = 0 \Rightarrow 2x - 18y + 13 = 0 \\ & \Rightarrow 2x - 18y = -13 \end{aligned}$$

$$3 \times \text{A: } 15x - 36y = 51$$

$$-2 \times \text{B: } \underline{-4x + 36y = 26}$$

$$\text{ADD: } 11x = 77 \Rightarrow x = 7$$

Substitute in A:

$$5(7) - 12y = 17 \Rightarrow 35 - 17 = 12y$$

$$\Rightarrow 18 = 12y \Rightarrow 1\frac{1}{2} = y$$

$$\text{Ans: } x = 7, y = 1\frac{1}{2}$$

13.

$$\text{total scores} = 11 \Rightarrow x + y = 11 \quad \text{A}$$

$$\text{total points} = 17 \Rightarrow 3x + y = 17 \quad \text{B}$$

$$\text{B: } 3x + y = 17$$

$$-\text{A: } \underline{-x - y = -11}$$

$$\text{ADD } 2x = 6 \Rightarrow x = 3$$

Substitute in A

$$(3) + y = 11 \Rightarrow y = 8$$

$$\text{Ans. } x = 3, y = 8$$

14.

$$\text{total mass} = 10 \Rightarrow x + y = 10 \quad \text{A}$$

$$\text{total cost} = 37 \Rightarrow 3x + 4y = 37 \quad \text{B}$$

$$\text{B: } 3x + 4y = 37$$

$$-3 \times \text{A: } \underline{-3x - 3y = -30}$$

$$\text{ADD } y = 7$$

Substitute in A

$$x + (7) = 10 \Rightarrow x = 3$$

$$\text{Ans. } x = 3, y = 7$$

15.

$$\text{total mass} = 100 \Rightarrow x + y = 100 \quad \text{A}$$

$$\text{total cost} = 190 \Rightarrow 2x + 1.5y = 190 \quad \text{B}$$

$$2 \times \text{B}: \quad 4x + 3y = 380$$

$$-3 \times \text{A}: \quad \underline{-3x - 3y = -300}$$

$$\text{ADD} \quad x = 80$$

Substitute in A

$$(80) + y = 100 \Rightarrow y = 20$$

$$\text{Ans. } x = 80, y = 20$$

16.

$$\text{total pupils} = 150 \Rightarrow 10x + 6y = 150 \quad \text{A}$$

$$\text{or} \quad 5x + 18y = 150 \quad \text{B}$$

$$3 \times \text{A}: \quad 30x + 18y = 450$$

$$-\text{B}: \quad \underline{-5x - 18y = -150}$$

$$\text{ADD} \quad 25x = 300 \Rightarrow x = 12$$

Substitute in A

$$10(12) + 6y = 150 \Rightarrow 6y = 150 - 120 = 30$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 5$$

$$\text{Ans. } x = 12, y = 5$$

17.

x = number of two person rooms

y = number of three person rooms

$$\text{total rooms} = 10 \Rightarrow x + y = 10 \quad \text{A}$$

$$\text{total people} = 23 \Rightarrow 2x + 3y = 23 \quad \text{B}$$

$$\text{B}: \quad 2x + 3y = 23$$

$$-2 \times \text{A}: \quad \underline{-2x - 2y = -20}$$

$$\text{ADD} \quad y = 3$$

Substitute in A

$$x + (3) = 10 \Rightarrow x = 7$$

$$\text{Ans. } x = 7, y = 3$$

18.

x = cost of one toffee in cents

y = cost of one ice-pop in cents

total money = 150 \Rightarrow

$$9x + 3y = 150 \Rightarrow 3x + y = 50 \quad \text{A}$$

or

$$5x + 10y = 150 \Rightarrow x + 2y = 30 \quad \text{B}$$

$$3 \times \text{B:} \quad 3x + 6y = 90$$

$$-\text{A:} \quad \underline{-3x - y = -50}$$

$$\text{ADD} \quad 5y = 40 \Rightarrow y = 8$$

Substitute in B

$$x + 2(8) = 30 \Rightarrow x = 30 - 16 = 14$$

Ans. $x = 14, y = 8$

19.

x = first number, y = second number

half of x is 1 more than $2y$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{2} = 2y + 1 \Rightarrow x - 4y = 2 \quad \text{A}$$

two thirds of x is 1 less than $3y$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2x}{3} = 3y - 1 \Rightarrow 2x - 9y = -3 \quad \text{B}$$

$$\text{B:} \quad 2x - 9y = -3$$

$$-2 \times \text{A:} \quad \underline{-2x + 8y = -4}$$

$$\text{ADD} \quad -y = -7 \Rightarrow y = 7$$

Substitute in A

$$x - 4(7) = 2 \Rightarrow x = 2 + 28 = 30$$

Ans. $x = 30, y = 7$

20.

$x =$ first number, $y =$ second number

a third of x is 4 more than half of y

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{3} = \frac{y}{2} + 4 \Rightarrow 6\left(\frac{x}{3}\right) = 6\left(\frac{y}{2}\right) + 6 \times 4$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x = 3y + 24 \Rightarrow 2x - 3y = 24 \quad \text{A}$$

x is 1 more than $2y$

$$\Rightarrow x = 2y + 1 \Rightarrow x - 2y = 1 \quad \text{B}$$

$$\text{A:} \quad 2x - 3y = 24$$

$$-2 \times \text{B:} \quad \underline{-2x + 4y = -2}$$

$$\text{ADD} \quad y = 22$$

Substitute in B

$$x - 2(22) = 1 \Rightarrow x = 1 + 44 = 45$$

$$\text{Ans. } x = 45, y = 22$$

21.

$$\text{A:} \quad \frac{1}{x+y} = 2\frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x+y} = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x+y = \frac{2}{5} \Rightarrow 5x+5y = 2$$

$$\text{B:} \quad 3x + y = 1$$

$$5 \times \text{B:} \quad 15x + 5y = 5$$

$$-\text{A:} \quad \underline{-5x - 5y = -2}$$

$$\text{ADD:} \quad 10x = 3 \Rightarrow x = 0.3$$

Substitute in B:

$$3(0.3) + y = 1 \Rightarrow 0.9 + y = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 1 - 0.9 \Rightarrow y = 0.1$$

$$\text{Ans.} \quad x + 7y = (0.3) + 7(0.1) = 1$$