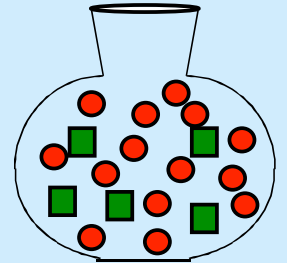


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- Please try to do this problem in as many ways as you can, both correct and incorrect
- If done, share your work with a neighbor.

# Productive Discussions of Cognitively Challenging Mathematics Tasks



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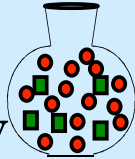


- Think privately about how you would go about solving tasks A and B on page 2 of your handout (solve them if you have time)
- Talk with you neighbor about how you did or could solve each task
- Discuss how are the two versions of the task the same and how are they different.

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## Task A

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## Task B

Find the value of the unknown in each of the proportions shown below.

1.  $\frac{5}{2} = \frac{y}{10}$

4.  $\frac{a}{24} = \frac{7}{8}$

2.  $\frac{n}{8} = \frac{3}{12}$

5.  $\frac{30}{6} = \frac{b}{7}$

3.  $\frac{5}{20} = \frac{3}{d}$

6.  $\frac{3}{x} = \frac{4}{28}$

# The Task Analysis Guide

Lower-Level Demands	Higher-Level Demands
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\*These characteristics are derived from the work of Doyle on academic tasks (1988), Resnick on high-level thinking skills (1987), and from the examination and categorization of hundreds of tasks used in QUASAR classrooms (Stein, Grover, & Henningsen, 1996; Stein, Lane, and Silver, 1996).

# Mathematical Tasks: A Critical Starting Point for Instruction



Not all tasks are created equal, and *different tasks will provoke different levels and kinds of student thinking.*

Stein, Smith, Henningsen, & Silver, 2000



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The level and kind of thinking in which students engage determines what they will learn.

Hiebert, Carpenter, Fennema, Fuson, Wearne, Murray, Oliver, & Human, 1997

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There is no decision that teachers make that has a greater impact on students' opportunities to learn and on their perceptions about what mathematics is than the selection or creation of the tasks with which the teacher engages students in studying mathematics.

Lappan & Briars, 1995

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# The Importance of Discussion



Provides opportunities for students to:

- Share ideas and clarify understandings
- Develop convincing arguments regarding why and how things work
- Develop a language for expressing mathematical ideas
- Learn to see things for other people's perspective

# Jawbreakers and Jolly Ranchers Vignette



- What aspects of Mrs. Carlson's instruction would you identify as promising?
- What aspects of Mrs. Carlson's instruction would you want to assist her in working on?

# Jawbreakers and Jolly Ranchers Vignette: *What is Promising*



- Students are working on a mathematical task that appears to be both appropriate and worthwhile
- Students are encouraged to provide explanations and use strategies that make sense to them
- Students are working with partners and publicly sharing their solutions and strategies with peers
- Students' ideas appear to be respected



# Jawbreakers and Jolly Ranchers Vignette: *What Can Be Improved*



- Beyond having students use different strategies, Mrs. Carlson's goal for the lesson is not clear
- Mrs. Carlson observes students as they work, but does not use this time to ***assess what students seem to understand or identify which aspects of students' work to feature*** in the discussion in order to make a mathematical point
- There is a “show and tell” feel to the presentations
  - not clear what each strategy adds to the discussion
  - different strategies are not related
  - key mathematical ideas are not discussed
  - no evaluation of strategies for accuracy, efficiency, etc.

# How Expert Discussion Facilitation is Characterized



- Skillful improvisation
  - Diagnose students' thinking on the fly
  - Fashion responses that guide students to evaluate each others' thinking, and promote building of mathematical content over time
- Requires deep knowledge of:
  - Relevant mathematical content
  - Student thinking about it and how to diagnose it
  - Subtle pedagogical moves
  - How to rapidly apply all of this in specific circumstances

# Some Sources of the Challenge in Facilitating Discussions



- Lack of familiarity
- Reduces teachers' perceived level of control
- Requires complex, split-second decisions
- Requires flexible, deep, and interconnected knowledge of content, pedagogy, and students

# Purpose of the Five Practices



To make student-centered instruction more manageable by moderating the degree of improvisation required by the teachers and during a discussion.

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# The Five Practices (+)



- 1. Anticipating** (e.g., Fernandez & Yoshida, 2004; Schoenfeld, 1998)
- 2. Monitoring** (e.g., Hodge & Cobb, 2003; Nelson, 2001; Shifter, 2001)
- 3. Selecting** (e.g., Lampert, 2001; Stigler & Hiebert, 1999)
- 4. Sequencing** (e.g., Schoenfeld, 1998)
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## o. Setting Goals and Selecting Tasks

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# $O_1$ . Setting Goals



- **It involves:**

- Identifying what students are to know and understand about mathematics as a result of their engagement in a particular lesson
- Being as specific as possible so as to establish a clear target for instruction that can guide the selection of instructional activities and the use of the five practices

- **It is supported by:**

- Thinking about what students will come to know and understand rather than only on what they will do
- Consulting resources that can help in unpacking big ideas in mathematics
- Working in collaboration with other teachers



# Mrs. Carlson's Class



## **Implied Goal**

Students will be able to solve the task correctly using one of a number of viable strategies and realize that there are several different and correct ways to solve the task.

## **Possible Goals**

- Quantities that are in a proportional (multiplicative) relationship grow at a constant rate.
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## o<sub>2</sub>. Selecting a Task



- **It involves:**
  - Identifying a mathematical task that is aligned with the lesson goals
  - Making sure the task is rich enough to support a discussion (i.e., a cognitively challenging/high level task)
- **It is supported by:**
  - Setting a clear and explicit goal for learning
  - Using the **Task Analysis Guide** which provides a list of characteristics of tasks at different levels of cognitive demand
  - Working in collaboration with colleagues

# Sandra Carlson's Task



A candy jar contains 5 Jolly Ranchers (**squares**) and 13 Jawbreakers (**circles**). Suppose you had a new candy jar with the same ratio of Jolly Ranchers to Jawbreakers, but it contained 100 Jolly Ranchers.

How many Jawbreakers would you have? Explain how you know.

# 1. Anticipating



- **It involves considering:**
  - The array of strategies that students might use to approach or solve a challenging mathematical task
  - How to respond to what students produce
  - Which strategies will be most useful in addressing the mathematics to be learned
- **It is supported by:**
  - Doing the problem in as many ways as possible
  - Discussing the problem with other teachers
  - Drawing on relevant research
  - Documenting student responses year to year

# Jawbreakers and Jolly Ranchers: Anticipated Solutions



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# Jawbreakers and Jolly Ranchers: Incorrect Additive Strategy



Jordan and Kate's Solution

*5 Jolly Ranchers*  $\longrightarrow$  *100 Jolly Ranchers*  
+95

*13 Jawbreakers*  $\longrightarrow$  *108 Jawbreakers*  
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## 2. Monitoring



- **It involves:**
  - Circulating while students work on the problem and watching and listening
  - Recording interpretations, strategies, and points of confusion
  - Asking questions to get students back “on track” or to advance their understanding
- **It is supported by:**
  - Anticipating student responses beforehand
  - Carefully listening and asking probing questions
  - Using recording tools

# Monitoring Tool



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List the different  
solution paths you  
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Make note of which students produced which solutions and what you might want to highlight

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# Monitoring Tool



How might the data collected on the monitoring tool be useful to teachers?

### 3. Selecting



- **It involves:**
  - Choosing particular students to present because of the mathematics available in their responses
  - Making sure that over time all students are seen as authors of mathematical ideas and have the opportunity to demonstrate competence
  - Gaining some control over the content of the discussion (no more “who wants to present next?”)
- **It is supported by:**
  - Anticipating and monitoring
  - Planning in advance which types of responses to select

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***What students do you think Mrs. Carlson should select in order to accomplish the goals she has set?***

## 4. Sequencing



- **It involves:**
  - Purposefully ordering presentations so as to make the mathematics accessible to all students
  - Building a mathematically coherent story line
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  - During anticipation work, considering how possible student responses are mathematically related



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# Jawbreakers and Jolly Ranchers Vignette



## Possible Sequencing:

1. Jordan – incorrect additive approach (*raises the issue about how the quantities are related*)
2. Kamiko – used a table to scale up (*although she used repeated addition, it can be related to multiplication and to the other strategies*)
3. Owen – scale factor (*clearly shows that the ratio is preserved and that the new jar is 20 times the original*)
4. Jerry – unit rate (*shows the multiplicative relationship between the two quantities*)

## 5. Connecting



- **It involves:**
  - Encouraging students to make mathematical connections between different student responses
  - Making the key mathematical ideas that are the focus of the lesson salient
- **It is supported by:**
  - Anticipating, monitoring, selecting, and sequencing
  - During planning, considering how students might be prompted to recognize mathematical relationships between responses

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*100 JR is 95 more than the 5 we started with. So we will need 95 more JB than the 13 we started with.*

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## 2. Kamiko

*We just kept adding 5 to the JR column and 13 to the JB column. We stopped when we got to 100 JR. So it has to be 260 JB.*

## 3. Owen

*You have 100 JR and 20 JB. You need 95 more JR. So you need 95 more JB.*

Jordan and Kamiko both used addition but got different answers. How is that possible? Who got the correct answer? Why?

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How is Owen's strategy related to Kamiko's table?



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How are Jerry and Owen's strategies the same and how are they different?

2.

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How could you use Jerry's strategy to find the number of JB in *any* new jar?

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# Why These Five Practices Likely to Help



- **Provides teachers with more control**
  - Over the content that is discussed
  - Over teaching moves: not everything improvisation
- **Provides teachers with more time**
  - To diagnose students' thinking
  - To plan questions and other instructional moves
- **Provides a reliable process for teachers to gradually improve their lessons over time**

# Why These Five Practices Likely to Help



- **Honors students' thinking while guiding it in productive, disciplinary directions** (Ball, 1993; Engle & Conant, 2002)
  - Key is to support students' disciplinary authority while simultaneously holding them accountable to discipline
  - Guidance done mostly 'under the radar' so doesn't impinge on students' growing mathematical authority
  - At same time, students led to identify problems with their approaches, better understand sophisticated ones, and make mathematical generalizations
  - This fosters students' accountability to the discipline

# Reflection



How do you think the 5 practices will be helpful in your own work with teachers?

# Overview



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# Now You Try It!



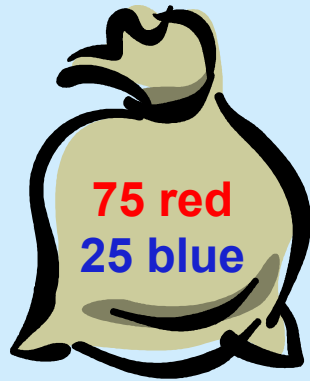
## **BAG OF MARBLES TASK**



# Our Task: Bag of Marbles



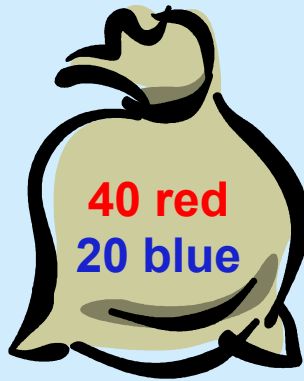
Ms. Rhee's math class was studying statistics. She brought in three bags containing red and blue marbles. The three bags were labeled as shown below:



**75 red**  
**25 blue**

**Bag X**

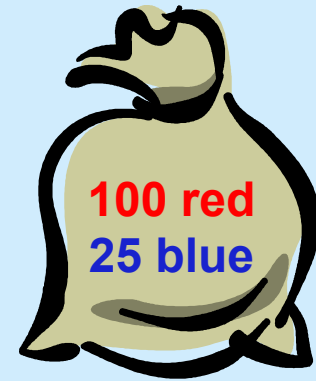
**Total = 100 marbles**



**40 red**  
**20 blue**

**Bag Y**

**Total = 60 marbles**



**100 red**  
**25 blue**

**Bag Z**

**Total = 125 marbles**

Ms. Rhee shook each bag. She asked the class, "If you close your eyes, reach into a bag, and remove 1 marble, which bag would give you the best chance of picking a blue marble?"

# Our Goal for the Lesson



- for students to understand that in order to compare different amounts and quantities you need a common basis for comparison
- for students to be able to distinguish different types of comparisons (i.e., part-to-part, part-to-whole, percents)

# Anticipating Likely Responses



- Working individually, consider the correct and incorrect approaches that students might use to solve this task
- Working with a small group of peers, share the approaches you have anticipated so far and see what other approaches you can come up with together
- Make a list of the approaches you come up with

# Monitoring Actual Responses



Which responses might you be on the look out for as you walk around the room and interact with students? Why?

# Selecting and Sequencing Student Responses



Imagine that the students in your class produced the solutions A-H. Identify the solution paths that you would want to have shared during the group discussion and specify the order in which they would be shared.

Explain *why* you selected particular responses and *how* you determined the ordering of the presentations.

# Selecting and Sequencing Student Responses



Review the groups' selection of responses to be shared and see if there are any patterns you notice.

Can we begin to generate any general “rules of thumb” for determining which responses to share?

# Making Connections Between Student Responses



Suppose we agree to have students share solutions F, D, B, and G in that order.

What questions will you ask to prompt students:

- to make sense of the solution path presented?
- understand the key mathematical ideas?
- to make connections between different responses and ways of representing mathematical ideas?

# Characteristics of Questions



- Press students to *explain what* they did and *justify why* it makes sense mathematically and in the context of the problem
- Encourage all students to *question and make sense of* the presented strategies
- Focus on the similarities and differences between different methods
- Help students make connections between strategies
- Encourage students to generalize



# Reflection



How do you think using the 5 practices will help you as a professional developer, coach, or university professor?

# Resources Related to the Five Practices



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# THANK YOU!



JR	JB
5	13
10	26
15	39
20	52
25	65
30	78
35	91
40	104
45	117
50	130
55	143
60	156
65	169
70	182
75	195
80	208
85	221
90	234
95	247
100	260

## Kamiko's Table

20 rows in the table – she added 5 and 13 twenty times; same as multiplying both by 20 like Owen did.



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The number of JB in each row is 2.6 times the number of JR in the row. This is the unit rate that Jerry found.

