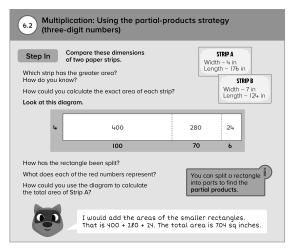
STEPPING STONES 2.0

Core Focus

- Multiplication: Using the partial-products strategy and solving word problems
- Length: Exploring the relationship between miles, yards, feet, and inches
- Angles: Using a protractor and identifying acute, right, and obtuse

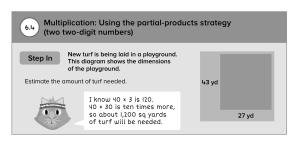
Multiplication

• Students work with multiplying a single-digit by multi-digit numbers using the **partial-products strategy**. Multi-digit numbers are decomposed into place-value parts so the multiplication is easy to do using an array model. Each part is multiplied (as in **area**) and then added together, resulting in the total product. Illustrated below is the partial-products strategy for 176 × 4.



In this lesson, students use the partial-product strategy using a three-digit number and a single-digit number.

- This visual approach to multiplying multi-digit numbers prepares students for later lessons on the standard multiplication algorithm. Students master the multiplication algorithm more easily if they first encounter multiplication using their understanding of place value and area found in the partial-products strategy.
- The area model is also used to represent multiplication. In the example below,
 the factors are broken up by place value. The partial products of each smaller
 rectangle are then added together to figure out the total. This strategy prepares
 students for later lessons on the standard multiplication algorithm.



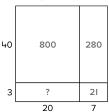
In this lesson, students use the partial-product strategy using two two-digit numbers.

Ideas for Home

- To help your child with partial-product multiplication, practice facts involving multiples of ten. E.g. 4×40 ($4 \times 4 \times 10 = 160$), 4×40 ($4 \times 4 \times 100 = 1600$), 40×40 ($4 \times 4 \times 10 \times 10 = 1600$), etc.
- Use the array model when multiplying multi-digit numbers and discuss how it works.

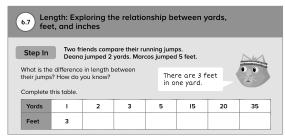
Glossary

➤ The partial-products
strategy uses the distributive
property, multiplying each
place value separately to
get a partial product and
then adding the products
together, resulting
in one final product.



Length

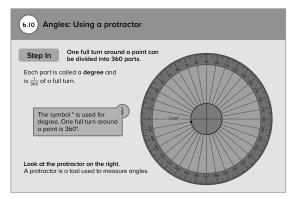
- Working with customary measures of length (inches, feet, yards, and miles) involves reviewing the magnitude of each unit is, as well as knowing the formal relationships between them.
- Students convert measurements and decide which unit of measure would be most appropriate for different uses, like measuring a piece of paper, a length of cloth, the length and width of a room, or the distance from home to school.



In this lesson, students look at the important relationships between customary measures.

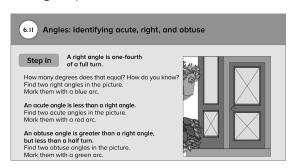
Angles

• Students use different types of angles to describe the amount of turn from one arm of the angle to the other. The *amount of turn* is described as a fraction of a full turn around a circle.



In this lesson, students use a 360-degree protractor to measure and draw angles.

• Students name and measure angles by their amount of turn using a protractor: right (90 degrees), obtuse (greater than 90 degrees but less than 180 degrees) or acute (less than 90 degrees).



In this lesson, students identify angles as acute, right, or obtuse, and measure them with a protractor.

Ideas for Home

- Estimate distances in various units. How long is the sidewalk? How long is a car? How many miles to school? Check the estimates using a variety of measurement tools (rulers, tape measure, and odometer) to help make measurement more concrete and easier to understand.
- Use an old clock with moveable hands to name the various angles formed.
 - When the minute hand on a clock goes all the way around from 12 and back to 12, this is one complete revolution (or 360 degrees).
 - When the minute hand goes from 12 to the 3, it has gone \(\frac{1}{4} \) of a revolution (90 degrees). Connect this to the expression "quarter after" when telling time.
- On a walk, take turns to point out right, acute, and obtuse angles in your environment (buildings, billboards, etc.).