

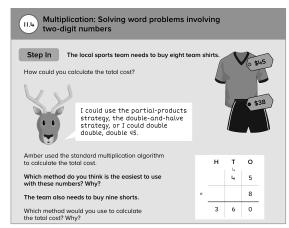
STEPPING STONES 20

Core Focus

- Multiplication: Using the standard algorithm and using the associative property with two-digit numbers
- Geometry: Exploring points, lines, line segments, and rays, and identifying lines of symmetry and transformations

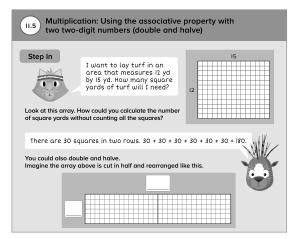
Multiplication

• The **standard algorithm** provides a method for performing multi-digit multiplications that are difficult to do mentally, such as 45×8 .



In this lesson, students relate their informal methods for solving multiplication problems to the standard algorithm for multiplication.

• Applying the **associative property for multiplication** allows students to multiply the factors in any order. For example, $5 \times 4 = 20$, $20 \times 4 = 80$, $80 \times 7 = 560$.



In this lesson, the double-and halve-strategy uses the associative property of multiplication. 12×15 becomes $2 \times 6 \times 15$ or $6 (15 \times 2)$.

Ideas for Home

- When shopping, choose an item that has a two-digit price, such as \$45, and ask your child to figure out the total cost of 6 of the items. Your child may use factors or use the doubleand-halve strategy to make multiplying easier.
- Select the cards showing
 2–9 from a standard deck of
 cards. Mix them and place
 them facedown on a table.
 Ask your child to choose
 3 cards, then multiply the
 numbers in any order to find
 the product. This can also
 be played in pairs or with
 siblings. The first person to
 find the correct product is
 the winner. Alternatively, the
 person with the greatest/least
 product could be the winner.

Glossary

- The standard multiplication algorithm is the familiar paper-and-pencil procedure for multiplying multi-digit numbers that most adults were taught in school.
- The associative property for multiplication allows three or more factors to be multiplied in any order.

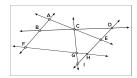


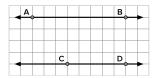
Module II

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Angles

• Students are formally introduced to the fundamental building blocks of geometry: points, lines, line segments, rays, and parallel and perpendicular lines. These lessons focus on identifying and naming these important geometric features.



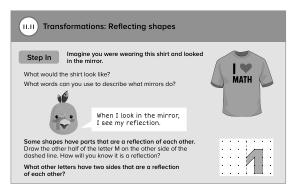




The figure on the left shows points, lines, line segments, and rays. Figures in the middle show parallel lines and the figure on the right shows perpendicular lines.

Transformations

Reflectional symmetry and lines of symmetry are geometry concepts that
are simple, but interesting, and can be found everywhere in our everyday lives,
in art, and in nature.



In this lesson, students identify and draw lines of symmetry in 2D shapes and images.

Ideas for Home

- Look around your community or home for examples of parallel and perpendicular lines. Railroad tracks are parallel, while the side and top of a door frame are perpendicular. Roads, fences, and tiles are also useful.
- To explore reflections and symmetry, spread some paint on paper, then fold and unfold the paper. This will create an image that is the same on both sides of the fold, which is the line of symmetry.
- Write the alphabet in capital letters, and examine it for symmetry. Some letters (like A and T) have vertical lines of symmetry; some (like B and E) have horizontal lines of symmetry; some (like H and X) have both vertical and horizontal lines of symmetry.

Glossary

 A line of symmetry is drawn to divide a shape into two parts that are the same size and shape, resulting in reflectional symmetry.

