

1           *Sound is off at first.*

2           Bill: Could you go through that once more and show me how you figured out his time  
3           [*puts 40 in for the Turtle-Over Box*]. I just want to make sure that I understand that  
4           you understand. Okay, let's get this one out of here. Put a zero [*types 0 for the Rabbit-*  
5           *speed Box*].

6           Ann: Okay.

7           Bill: You can use the paper there [*points to a pile of scratch paper*] and a pencil.

8           Ann: I would ... I would take forty, right?

9           Bill: Uh huh.

10          Ann: [*Uses the mouse as an on-screen pointer*] I've got forty there [*Turtle-Over Box*] and  
11          I've got thirty here [*Turtle-Back Box*], so I would ... I would, um, divide forty into a  
12          hundred ... which would come up with ... eighty ... er, it could go in twice.

13          Bill: Uh huh.

14          Ann: And then,

15          Bill: What is that, the twice [*holds up two fingers*]? What is that? What does each of those  
16          twices represent, I should say [*holds up two fingers again and shakes them*]?

17          Ann: Forty. They each represent forty.

18          Bill: In distance, they represent that. But what you said, "Goes in there two times." What  
19          are those two [*taps desk twice*]? They're not feet are they?

20          Ann: No, they're ... forty feet.

21          Bill: Okay. The forty goes into a hundred ... two times [*moves finger over on desk*].

22          Ann: [*Begins to fidget*] Yeah.

23          Bill: What does that number two [*holds up two fingers*] ... Let's just stop right there and  
24          figure it out.

25          Ann: Eighty feet.

26          Bill: No.

27          Ann: Eighty feet.

28          Bill: No, that's the distance.

29          Ann: Yeah! [*Smiles*].

30          Bill: But the two [*holds out two fingers again*] represents something else.

31          Ann: The two ... I don't know.

32          Bill: What happened when you went that first forty feet.

33          Ann: ... It was one second.

34          Bill: Okay, what happened when you went the second forty feet?

35          Ann: Two seconds.

- 36 Bill: Okay. When you divided the forty into the hundred and you say it goes in there two  
37 times plus some, what else do those two represent [*holds up two fingers*]?
- 38 Ann: Seconds?
- 39 Bill: Don't they?
- 40 Ann: [*Pause*] Yeah.
- 41 Bill: Let's go through the example. Do you need a pencil or a pen? I'll give you a pen. I  
42 don't have a pencil, but you can use the pen there. Here's some paper. Tell me what  
43 your calculations are on that one and we'll discuss it some.
- 44 Ann: Okay, forty went into a hundred, right? It goes in two seconds. That would be eighty.  
45 [*Pause*] And that leaves twenty left over.
- 46 Bill: Uh huh.
- 47 Ann: So nothing else would come down so you put a point there,
- 48 Bill: There you go.
- 49 Ann: and zero here.
- 50 Bill: Uh huh.
- 51 Ann: And you put [*inaudible*] here.
- 52 Bill: Good!
- 53 Ann: And bring this down. So you'd have 200.
- 54 Bill: Uh huh.
- 55 Ann: Forty goes into 200 how many times? That's what--if it goes in 80 here, it has to go in  
56 2 more times down here [*surmising that  $200 \div 40$  is approximately 4*].
- 57 Bill: Okay.
- 58 Ann: That would be ...
- 59 Bill: Well let's just say how many times [*covers up the last digits of 40 and 200*] will 4 go  
60 into 20?
- 61 Ann: Four goes into twenty five times.
- 62 Bill: Okay. Let's stick a 5 up [*points next to the 2*] there [*Ann puts ".5" next to 2 as*  
63 *answer*]. I meant to bring a calculator in today, but I forgot one. We'll have to bear  
64 without that. I'll help you on any of the math that we have to do. It looks to me that  
65 that's it, isn't it?
- 66 Okay, the reason I asked that now is that you were telling me this two and a half  
67 [*points to Ann's written answer, 2.5*] tells me how many forties will go into one  
68 hundred, right? [*Ann nods.*] So, you were saying originally, well this is two and a half  
69 forties [*points to Ann's scratchwork*] which means two times forty is eighty and a half  
70 of a forty is twenty, so that makes the one hundred. But doesn't ... does this also tell  
71 you the amount of time?
- 72 Ann: Yeah.

- 73 Bill: So, there is a direct connection, you see, between that number [*points to 40*] and that  
74 [*points to 2.5*].
- 75 Ann: That [*points to her scratch work*] only tells the amount of time going over.
- 76 Bill: Okay. I'll buy that.
- 77 Ann: You still need to do 30 to go back.
- 78 Bill: All right. Let's try that.
- 79 Ann: [*Writes in long division form  $100 \div 30 = 3$* ] And it would be 3 seconds back.
- 80 Bill: Uh huh.
- 81 Ann: Because 30 goes into 100, three times.
- 82 Bill: And you'll have a little bit left over, I think.
- 83 Ann: Yeah. [*Begins to actually divide, while explaining what she's doing.*] And then you  
84 have to put a another point because you can't go back in.
- 85 Bill: You end up with another hundred there, you see. This is going to keep repeating, isn't  
86 it?
- 87 Ann: Yes. It's gonna go ... [*writes ".333333333" next to 3*].
- 88 Bill: Yeah. Okay? So, the total time here ... let's just round them off because we're only  
89 going to one decimal place on the timer. How long do you think it's going to take him  
90 now to go over and back?
- 91 9:55 Ann: 3.3 [*draws a box around 3.3*] seconds plus [*writes  $3.3 + 2.5$  in column form*] ... plus  
92 2.5.
- 93 Bill: Okay.
- 94 Ann: Which [*writes answer, 5.8*] is 5.8 seconds.
- 95 Bill: All right. Good. Now [*turns Ann's paper around to get a look at it*]. Let's run [*points*  
96 *to the computer screen*] him and then I'm going to come back and ask you not to look  
97 at this [*puts hand over Ann's paper*] and just tell me what this means in terms of the  
98 time thing [*moves hand over and back*] related to the speed again. Okay. Let's see if  
99 we're right, though [*gestures to the screen*]. I think you probably were. [*Ann activates*  
100 *turtle*]. You had 2.5 [*turtle comes back*]. It looks like it was right on. We'll have to  
101 ask Dr. Thompson why the happy face comes up on us. [*Ann laughs.*] Bingo! [*Turtle*  
102 *finishes*] Right on the money. Very good. If I showed the additional decimal points  
103 [*points to the Time Counter*] behind that, what do you think they'd be?
- 104 Ann: 8, 8, 8. I think they'd all be 8s probably.
- 105 9:56 Bill: It's not really important, but I was just curious [*grabs the mouse to display more*  
106 *digits*]. I'll just tease you a bit here, you see. Remember all those 3s that were going  
107 to go on forever [*points to Ann's paper and drags finger across it*]?
- 108 Ann: Yeah.
- 109 Bill: We had all those. We didn't have a row of 5s, but we did have the 3s. Okay. Let's  
110 come back to where we were at [*puts the decimal places back to tenths*]. Now,

111 without looking at this [*turns paper upside down and looks at what is on that*  
 112 *previously used side*]-pretty triangles and stuff--without looking at that now, explain  
 113 to me the best you can what the ... relationship is between the speed that we have  
 114 here [*points to the Turtle-Over Box*], distance traveled [*moves fingers apart and holds*  
 115 *them on the distance line*], and the time.

116 Ann: The relationship between the distance traveled and the time?

117 Bill: Yeah, well whatever speed he's running at [*points again to Turtle-Over Box*], and  
 118 distance traveled whether it's 100 feet or 200 feet [*waves hand over and back a few*  
 119 *times*], and the amount of time.

120 9:57 Ann: [*Uses the mouse as an on-screen pointer, but the camera does not allow us to see*  
 121 *where she points*]. He has time here, okay? 40, and um ... what that means is that he  
 122 will go 40 ... 40 feet per second, whi-which he will go every second as far as he goes  
 123 over.

124 Bill: Uh huh.

125 Ann: And then he'll go 30 [*still using the mouse as a pointer*], which means 30 feet per  
 126 second, when he goes back.

127 Bill: Okay.

128 Ann: Which means he would go 10 feet slower, so it would take him longer to do that.

129 Bill: "Ten feet slower." What does "10 feet slower" mean?

130 Ann: That means instead of doing ... like, instead of doing 40 miles per hour,

131 Bill: Uh huh.

132 Ann: --if you were only doing 30 miles per hour, if you were going on a race with someone  
 133 [*fidgets with the mouse*], the one who was going 40 miles per hour would win.

134 Bill: Hmmm! [*Nods*].

135 Ann: Because they're going faster then you were.

136 Bill: Okay.

137 Ann: And you would always be, if you kept up the same pace, you would always be 10  
 138 miles ... behind him ... or her.

139 Bill: What if we raced for 3 hours? How far behind him would I be? You're going at 40  
 140 miles per hour [*gestures with hands over and back*] and I'm going 30 miles per hour  
 141 and we race for 3 hours [*Ann begins to fidget with pen*]. How far behind you will I  
 142 be?

143 Ann: Ten miles. ... If you have already crossed the finish line [*pretends to draw a finish*  
 144 *line*].

145 Bill: Well lets say it's a ... 24 hour race, okay? We're gonna race all day and all night.  
 146 And you're going 40 miles per hour [*points to Ann*]. I'm going [*gestures to self*] 30  
 147 miles per hour. At the end of one hour [*gestures with hand to indicate the passage of*  
 148 *time*], how far behind you will I be [*makes a space with fingers on desk for distance*]?

149 Ann: Ummm ... 10 feet.

- 150 Bill: We're racing ...
- 151 Ann: Ten miles.
- 152 Bill: [*Nods*] Ten miles, okay? Now we keep on racing. We don't stop. We just keep on  
153 going. Another hour goes by. How far will I be behind you?
- 154 Ann: Twenty miles?
- 155 Bill: Yeah [*nods*].
- 156 Ann: So, they would just add up?
- 157 Bill: Sure. Because every hour that we race, you're going 10 miles per hour faster than I  
158 am. So I get 10 miles further behind every time we go for another hour ... Okay?
- 159 Ann: [*Nods*] Okay.
- 160 Bill: Now. Let's try going back to this again [*points to computer*]. I don't ... I'm not too  
161 concerned about which way we go, but let's say ... let's just use the rabbit now  
162 because he's going to go over and back and we don't have to set two different speeds  
163 here. Let's say we want the rabbit to go over and back in ... 5 seconds.
- 164 9:59 Ann: Five seconds.
- 165 Bill: Uh huh.
- 166 Ann: Then, we would have to set him at 40 feet per second.
- 167 Bill: For what?
- 168 Ann: We'd have to set him [*points to the keyboard*] at 40 feet per second.
- 169 Bill: How do you know that?
- 170 Ann: Because we did that yesterday.
- 171 Bill: Ahh. Okay [*Ann chuckles*]. Let's use one we didn't do--you can't remember from  
172 yesterday. Umm ... how about seven and a half seconds?
- 173 Ann: Seven and a half seconds?
- 174 Bill: Yeah.
- 175 Ann: Well ... that would mean you could take less time. And ... um ... I'd estimate maybe  
176 it would be [*pauses, thinking*] 25 miles per hour or 20.5 miles per hour or something?
- 177 Bill: Oh, feet per second [*pointing to the computer screen*] you mean.
- 178 Ann: Yeah, feet per second.
- 179 10:00 Bill: It could be. Here. It could be. Let-let's go back a step
- 180 Bill: [*Brings out a new sheet of scratch paper.*] Let me just draw something right here  
181 [*draws a line segment*]. We're going to say that this is the 100 feet that's up there  
182 [*draws a tick mark at both ends of the segment; labels them "0" and "100"*], okay?  
183 And I'm not for the moment going to divide that up into any distance per se, but we'll  
184 just say this is 0 and this is 100. If we have the turtle or the rabbit running at ... um ...  
185 let's say 40 feet per second [*Ann nods*]. Down here we're going to have a graph of  
186 time [*draws a time line under the distance line*]. Okay? [*Ann nods*]. This is 0 seconds

187 [draws a tick mark on the time line's left end] and this [draws tick mark on the time  
188 line's right end] is whatever time it takes him to get down to the end [points to "100"  
189 on the distance line]. If he's running ... let's say he is running at 40 feet per second  
190 [writes "40 ft/sec"]. Can you diagram on there [points to the distance line] where  
191 he's going to be at each second [makes a space between his fingers on the distance  
192 line] and where those seconds are on this graph [points to the time line] at the same  
193 time? Let me just show you what I mean. This ending point here [highlights the right  
194 tick mark on the distance line] is the same as the ending point here [highlights the  
195 right tick mark on the time line]. So when he reaches from here to the end [moves pen  
196 from left to right on distance line], he's gone from zero time to whatever that time is  
197 at the end [moves pen from left to right on the time line].

198 Ann: Is he going back [indicates over and back]?

199 Bill: No, let's just take him one way for the moment.

200 Ann: Just one way?

201 Bill: Uh huh.

202 Ann: Well, after 40, if he went 40 feet for one second ... he would be ... here [highlights  
203 approximately one-third of the distance line]

204 Bill: Okay.

205 Ann: ... after 1 second [writes "1 sec"]. And that would be like here, right [indicates  
206 approximately one-tenth of the time line]?

207 Bill: That's what I want to see. Just go ahead and do it, okay?

208 Ann: And for the second second,

209 Bill: Uh huh.

210 Ann: ... he would go the same 40 feet [extends highlighted segment to about three-fourths  
211 of the distance line]. So that would be [writes "2 sec" alongside distance segment  
212 and draws a second tick mark, labeled "2", to indicate a total of approximately one-  
213 fifth of the time line].

214 Bill: Okay. You want to label this up here, 40 feet and 40 feet so we know what we're  
215 talking about. [Ann complies, writing "40 ft" and "40 ft"] Okay, that's good. All  
216 righty.

217 Ann: Then you have [draws a tick mark in the "left over" region of the distance line] 2 ...  
218 20, 20 ... 20 feet left [draws a bracket over this region].

219 Bill: Okay. [Ann writes "20 ft" on top of bracket]. And how long is it going to take him to  
220 do that?

221 Ann: It would take him half as much time as it takes this [taps the end of the second 40 ft].  
222 So it would be half a second.

223 Bill: Okay [nods]. And where would that be down there [gestures to the time line]?

224 Ann: That would be like ... over here [writes "1/2" above a tick mark a short distance from  
225 the 2 on the time line].

- 226 Bill: Okay.
- 227 Ann: So it would take him
- 228 Bill: *[Interrupting]* Remember what I was saying on this diagram down here *[time line]*  
 229 that we want. This is the starting point *[points to the 0 on the time line]*. That's the  
 230 ending point *[points to right end point of the time line]*.
- 231 Ann: Ohhh *[draws a new time line below the old. Puts a 0 on the left and a 2 1/2 on the*  
 232 *right]*.
- 233 Bill: Okay, good.
- 234 Ann: That'd be one second *[draws a tick mark about a third of the way from the left and*  
 235 *labels it "1"]*, two second *[draws a tick mark about two thirds of the way from the left*  
 236 *and labels it "2"]*, and a half *[draws a smaller tick mark about a fifth of the way from*  
 237 *the right and labels it "1/2"]*.
- 238 Bill: Okay. Is this the two and a half mark *[points "1/2"]*, or is that the two and a half  
 239 mark *[points "2 1/2," written near the end of the distance line]*?
- 240 Ann: This one *[writes "1/2" over 2 1/2 at the end of the distance line and scribbles out*  
 241 *previous 1/2]*.
- 242 Bill: Okay. Good! Now, let's assume he's going to run at ... um, some different speed.  
 243 Why don't you do the same kind of thing on your own over there *[gestures to scratch*  
 244 *paper]*. What if he's going to run at, ummm, 45?
- 245 10:03 Ann: *[Draws a new distance line]* Forty-five?
- 246 Bill: Yeah. Feet per second.
- 247 Ann: *[Draws a time line to the right and below this distance line, only two thirds of the*  
 248 *other's length]* Okay, so if he's going he will go 5 more feet than, five more feet than  
 249 up there. *[Mumbles something unintelligible, then makes a curved line between 0 and*  
 250 *a point less than half way across the distance line]*.
- 251 Bill: Okay. If you want, you can mark it like this instead of making the loops *[note: the*  
 252 *curved lines to denote distance]*, but it's up to you, either way.
- 253 Ann: He traveled ... 45 feet *[writes "45 feet" above distance line]*.
- 254 Bill: Okay. Where will he be on the time scale?
- 255 Ann: And that will be one second *[makes a tick mark about a fifth from the left and labels it*  
 256 *"1 sec" ... Okay. This [referring to the second second on the distance line] would be*  
 257 *... wait a second. 45 plus 25 is ... Oh, I get it. This would be [draws a second curved*  
 258 *line from the end of the last one to a point just shy of the end point of the distance*  
 259 *line] ...*
- 260 10:04 Bill: Good show.
- 261 Ann: ... 45 feet again *[labels the new curved line "45 feet"]*.
- 262 Bill: Uh huh.
- 263 Ann: This *[referring to the time line]* would be ... *[makes a tick mark about three quarters*  
 264 *of the way from the left, labelling it "2 sec"]* here.

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- 265 Bill: Okay.
- 266 Ann: That would be two seconds. And then this tiny bit right here [*points to the region on*  
267 *the far right of the distance line*] is what's left. And that would be ... this is not, that  
268 would be 90 [*points to the first and second distance curves on the distance line*], so it  
269 would be 10 feet.
- 270 Bill: Good. That's right [*draws a final curved line and "10 feet left" on top of it*]. And,  
271 how long does it take him to go that 10 feet?
- 272 Ann: It would take him ... Okay. A fourth of a second?
- 273 Bill: Pretty close [*Ann writes "2 1/4" at the end of the time line*]. How did you come up  
274 with a fourth?
- 275 Ann: It can't be a half and it's too small to be a third.
- 276 Bill: Yeah. Why can't it be a half? Tell me what you're thinking.
- 277 10:05 Ann: Half ... Okay. Half of 45 [*writes "45",*]
- 278 Bill: Oh, okay, I understand.
- 279 Ann: is not ...
- 280 Bill: That would be twenty-two and a half.
- 281 Ann: [*Writes "22 1/2" below the 45*] Yeah.
- 282 Bill: Okay, so it's not that, is it?
- 283 Ann: And half of this [*points to 22 1/2*]
- 284 Bill: Uh huh.
- 285 Ann: is less. Half of
- 286 Bill: Yeah, it's about eleven and a quarter. [*Ann writes "11 1/4"*] And he's got to go ten  
287 feet.
- 288 Ann: He only has to go 10 feet so you just use the quarter from here [*circles the 1/4 of 11*  
289 *1/4*].
- 290 Bill: Okay, so it's a little less than a quarter. We won't dwell on that for the moment. But  
291 here is what I want to come back to. Do you see the distance you have here from zero  
292 to one second and one to two seconds [*drags finger along the time line*]?

293 Ann: Uh huh.

294 Bill: Should those be the same distances?

295 Ann: No.

296 Bill: Isn't one second as long as the first and second second?

297 Ann: Yeah. But it can't be perfect.

298 Bill: I'm not saying about your drawing, I'm just saying in reality, though.

299 Ann: Yeah.

300 Bill: If we were graphing time, would we have equal ... ?



- 301 Ann: [*Interrupting*] If you were like a scientist or something and you were graphing time,  
 302 you would make sure that they were like even. You'd probably have a ruler or  
 303 something [*pretends to measure the time line with a ruler*].
- 304 Bill: Hmm. Okay [*nods*]. I want to make sure you understand, though, that one second is  
 305 the same length as the next second and the next second.
- 306 [*moves hands to indicate second intervals in the air*] unless they're variable [*Ann*  
 307 *nods*], and I don't know about that [*Ann mumbles something unintelligible*] Okay. Put  
 308 this one aside and grab another piece of paper. Question for you. If you know, let me  
 309 use your pen for a second. If you know now that that same distance here [*draws a*  
 310 *distance line with out tick marks save ones at the ends*] is 100 feet and the graph  
 311 down here for the time [*does the same thing for time, making them both the same*  
 312 *length*], I'll make it the same length down here just to make it a little easier, and we  
 313 know that the ending down here is seven and a half seconds [*writes "7 1/2 [7.5]" at*  
 314 *right end of the time distance line*], or 7.5 seconds, which ever you want to call it.  
 315 What speed does he have to go to so that this [*points to time line*] matches that [*points*  
 316 *to the distance line*]?
- 317 10:07 Ann: [*Writes a "0" at the left of both lines, and "100 ft" at the right end of the time*  
 318 *distance line*] Okay, seven and a half seconds.
- 319 Bill: Uh huh.
- 320 Ann: [*Pauses, looking quizzically at the two lines. She then looks at Bill.*] Half of 7 is 3.5,  
 321 right?
- 322 Bill: Okay [*nods*].
- 323 Ann: [*Pause*] So ... that [*draws an arrow from the 7 1/2 pointing down. Where this arrow*  
 324 *points, Ann writes 3 1/2 + 3 1/2 = in column form*].
- 325 Bill: So, where on this time line would that be [*gestures across the time line*], this three  
 326 and a half? On this one [*points again to the time line*].
- 327 Ann: That's not important.
- 328 Bill: O-okay.
- 329 Ann: Half of seven is three and a half.
- 330 Bill: I'm sorry, it's three and three quarters. My apologies, I shouldn't have misled you  
 331 there [*Ann changes addition column to read 3 1/4 + 3 1/4*]. Three and three quarters.  
 332 Three over four. Or 3.75 and 3.75. If you want to use an easier one, just use straight 7,  
 333 that's all right.
- 334 Ann: [*Crosses out addition column by drawing a triangle over it. She pauses, then writes*  
 335 *"7 sec." near the middle of the page*] Okay.
- 336 Bill: Okay. We're gonna use seven, all right?
- 337 10:08 Ann: It has to be 7 seconds [*draws a "x" [multiplication symbol] next to and slightly about*  
 338 *the 7*].
- 339 Bill: Okay.

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- 340 Ann: And if you have that times by, let's say a hundred maybe [*writes "100" above the 7*  
341 *sec.*]? Because it's the distance of feet [*points to the right end of the distance line*]  
342 and this is the time that you want [*points to the 7 sec., then writes "feet" next to the*  
343 *hundred*] . So you times seven [*draws a line under 7 sec. and then "700" below that*]  
344 ... And you get this [*note: the 700*] and you take it over [*draws an arrow to the right*  
345 *of the 700, rewrites 700, and puts a minus sign below it*]. And then you subtract, and  
346 then you subtract it by, umm [*pause*], by another number and you get the answer, I  
347 think [*chuckles*].
- 348 Bill: Okay. What does the 700 represent that you've done here?
- 349 Ann: It represents ... 7 times 100.
- 350 Bill: Okay. But this [*points to 100 feet*] is number of feet, right?
- 351 Ann: Yeah.
- 352 Bill: And so you're saying this is 100 feet times 7 seconds. That's as if he's going 100 feet  
353 per second for seven seconds [*points to the 700*].
- 354 10:09 Ann: [*Looks down at her work for a moment*] Yeah [*looks up at Bill*].
- 355 Bill: He's not doing that, is he? He's not traveling 100 feet per second, is he?
- 356 Ann: [*Sounding sure of herself:*] That's why you have to subtract it [*taps the 700 with the*  
357 *pen*] by something [*smiles*]!
- 358 Bill: Ah. Okay. Let me back you up a minute. When you said here a minute ago [*touches*  
359 *the 0 and the 7 on the time line*] that if we're going to go for 7 seconds down to the  
360 end half of that 7 seconds, how far will he have gone in this 100 feet [*touches the 0*  
361 *and the 100 on the distance line*]?
- 362 Ann: ... Half way.
- 363 Bill: Put your mark down there [*gestures to the two lines; Ann marks the halfway points of*  
364 *both*]. How long will it take him to get half way?
- 365 Ann: [*Pause*] Three and a half seconds.
- 366 Bill: Uh huh [*yes*]. That's right. So from that is there a way that we can use this [*puts*  
367 *fingers at ends of time line*] to determine the speed [*indicates a part of distance line*]  
368 it's going to require him to get up there [*drags a finger along the distance line*]?
- 369 Ann: [*Softly*] No.
- 370 Bill: Remember the first thing we were working on this morning?
- 371 Ann: Uh huh [*yes*].
- 372 Bill: He was running at 40 feet per second. What did you do with the 40 feet per second to  
373 get the time it took him to go the full length ... [*gestures across distance line*] or the  
374 100 feet [*gesturing across distance line again*]?
- 375 Ann: ... I divided it.
- 376 Bill: [*Nods*] Uh huh [*yes*]. Why?
- 377 Ann: So I could get the answer.

- 378 Bill: Okay, but when you divided the 40 into the 100 feet, in effect you were saying that  
379 gives me a 40 foot section here [*points to a first part of the distance line*], a 40 foot  
380 section here [*points further to the right on the distance line*], and I had 20 left over  
381 [*points to a portion at the end of the distance line*], right [*Ann nods*]? So that gave me  
382 a second, a second, and a half second.
- 383 Ann: Uh huh [*yes*].
- 384 Bill: What would prevent you from doing the same thing with the seconds?
- 385 Ann: [*Pauses while looking at her scratch paper*] I don't quite understand [*shakes head*].
- 386 Bill: Okay. Now, instead of knowing the speed [*holds thumb and index finger apart*], we  
387 know the time. I'm going to travel from here to there [*moves hand from 0 to 100 on*  
388 *Ann's distance line*] in 7 seconds. Okay?
- 389 Ann: Okay.
- 390 Bill: If I do that, how far ... can you show me on here [*points to time line*], kind of  
391 generally speaking ... if I do it in seven seconds, how far ... you've marked here how  
392 far I've traveled in three and a half seconds [*points to the midpoint of both lines*], how  
393 far on that thing [*points to distance line*] would I have traveled in one second? Or two  
394 seconds? Or seven seconds?
- 395 Ann: [*Looks down at the paper. Sounding discouraged.*] The whole thing?
- 396 Bill: Seven seconds would be the whole thing, okay? [*points to the 7 on the time line*] How  
397 about one second, two seconds? Can you just make marks on there like you're going  
398 to put this into the sections showing how far you would go each second [*uses thumb*  
399 *and index finger to indicate successive intervals*]? [*Ann puts five tick marks on the time*  
400 *line, haphazardly dividing it into seven intervals*] Okay. And you have [*counts the*  
401 *intervals*] 1-2-3-4-5-6-7 sections. Right? Do those correspond to sections up here  
402 [*indicates sections on Ann's distance line*]?
- 403 Ann: Yeah. [*Pause*] Yeah [*nods*].
- 404 Bill: [*Nods*] Okay, they do. Now the main thing we're trying to figure out is ... what is that  
405 distance that he traveled in this one second [*drags finger over a small area of the*  
406 *distance line*]. How can I determine that from what you know now?
- 407 Ann: [*Looks at the paper for a long time*] I'm not sure.
- 408 Bill: Well, let's see. You guys were working with sharing between containers.
- 409 Ann: [*Looks up at Bill*] Uh huh.
- 410 Bill: [*Places hand over both lines*] In this case, let's say that each one of those containers,  
411 we've got seven of them, was one second. Okay? I want to share that 100 feet equally  
412 between seven seconds [*Ann pushes paper around on desk with pen while looking at*  
413 *Bill*]. How do I figure out how much each second can will get in terms of feet? [*Looks*  
414 *down at the paper, then vacantly, then back to paper for a very long pause*] Tell me  
415 what you're thinking, Ann. I don't want to get you stuck. If you get stuck on it, just  
416 say so and we'll take a different tack. But in the meantime let me know what you're  
417 thinking so I can figure out how to guide you to it.

- 418 10:14 Ann: I don't know [*chuckles*].
- 419 Bill: Okay, do you understand what we're talking about here [*touches the time distance*
- 420 *line*] in terms of representing the time span [*Ann crosses out the "1/2 [7.5]" at the*
- 421 *end of the time line while Bill talks*] along side the distance span [*points to the*
- 422 *distance line*] with a hundred feet?
- 423 Ann: Yeah.
- 424 10:15 Bill: Okay. And the idea that we're expressing here [*grabs the pen*] was that if we go a
- 425 certain distance [*moves the pen across the first time tick interval*] in one second,
- 426 we're going at a constant speed now, okay? As we do that, we're going to go at the
- 427 same distance in one second [*moves pen up to match the exact same interval space on*
- 428 *the distance line*] between zero and one as we do from one to two [*drags pen further*
- 429 *along the distance line to about halfway*] so that our time spans here [*darkens the "0"*
- 430 *and next tick mark on the time line*] are directly related to the distance span. So if I
- 431 can come down here [*moves hand to the time line*] and divide this line from zero to
- 432 seven [*darkens the tick marks representing 0 and 7*] in seven [*touches each time tick*
- 433 *interval*] equal second segments, each one of these segments would represent one
- 434 second and there are seven of them there. Up here [*touches the distance line*], I'd be
- 435 going along a similar line [*divides the distance line into corresponding tick intervals*],
- 436 but this one isn't seconds, this one is divided into feet, or is in feet I should say. So
- 437 from that, can I determine how far [*darkens the first distance line tick interval*] that
- 438 distance is that I'm traveling in one second? How many second sections are there on
- 439 this line [*makes marks underneath the next two tick intervals on the distance line*]
- 440 going along with the ones down here [*touches the time line*]. I misled you there, I
- 441 think. If I travel one second here [*darkens the one second mark on the time line*], how
- 442 far in time have I traveled up here [*darkens the corresponding distance line tick*
- 443 *mark*]?
- 444 10:16 Ann: [*Shrugs, then says softly:*] One second?
- 445 Bill: Yeah [*nods*]! In time, I've traveled one second up here too. When I get down to the
- 446 end, I've traveled seven seconds [*darkens the end tick mark on the time line*]. How far
- 447 in time [*darkens the end tick mark on the distance line*] have I traveled to there?
- 448 Ann: [*Softly:*] Seven seconds.
- 449 Bill: Okay. So, how do I figure out how far this is [*touching the first tick interval on the*
- 450 *distance line*]? Just this one seconds worth of length up here [*again touching the same*
- 451 *tick interval*]?
- 452 Ann: [*Pause. Then softly:*] I don't know.
- 453 Bill: [*Pauses.*] How many sections do we have up here [*touching the distance line*]?
- 454 Ann: Seven.
- 455 Bill: Are they all the same length?
- 456 Ann: Yeah.
- 457 Bill: [*Nods*] Yeah. How long is one of them?
- 458 Ann: One second long?

- 459 Bill: One second long, but in feet? *[touches the first interval on the distance line]*
- 460 Ann: *[Shrugs]* I don't know.
- 461 Bill: *[Pause]* Let's not use something like seven. Let's say we have 100 feet *[makes a new*  
462 *smaller distance line labeling it at the end point "100"]* and now I'm going to be  
463 traveling at 25 feet per second *[makes one tick interval and labels it "25"]*. Right?  
464 How many sections would this be divided into then? *[Pause]* 25-50-75-100.
- 465 Ann: Four.
- 466 Bill: Right *[divides line up into four tick intervals and puts "4" under 100 at the end]*. How  
467 long will it take him to get down there?
- 468 Ann: Four seconds?
- 469 Bill: Good. I've got one that's five seconds *[makes another distance line below the 25 one,*  
470 *the same length, and labels it "5" at the end]*. How many sections will this *[drags*  
471 *pen over the new distance line]* be divided into?
- 472 Ann: *[Pause]* Five?
- 473 10:18 Bill: *[Nods]* And, if I do it into five *[marks off the distance line into five tick intervals]*,  
474 how long is each one?
- 475 Ann: Forty seconds? Forty miles per hour?
- 476 Bill: Let's see if that makes sense. *[Puts pen on each interval in succession:]* Forty plus 40  
477 plus 40 plus 40 plus 40. Remember, this is the 100 feet we're talking about here *[puts*  
478 *"100" over the 5 on the new distance line]*.
- 479 Ann: *[Pause]* Twenty?
- 480 Bill: Yeah. How far did he travel in this time *[points to the first interval. Writes "20" over*  
481 *it]?*
- 482 Ann: Twenty.
- 483 Bill: How long did it take him to travel there?
- 484 Ann: ... One second?
- 485 10:19 Bill: Good. Up here *[points to the distance line right above the new one, 100 in 4 seconds]*,  
486 it was 25 and one second. Okay. What would it be there *[points to original distance*  
487 *line, 100 in 7 seconds]?* *[Ann looks down at the distance line, pauses, then shrugs]*
- 488 Bill: You don't have to come up with the number, but how would you calculate the  
489 number? *[Portion of transcript omitted.]* This, we said, was going to take him four  
490 seconds, this was five seconds, do you see any relationship between this number [4]  
491 and this number [100] that would lead to that [25]? This number [5] and this number  
492 [100] that would lead to that [20]?
- 493 Ann: *[Shrugs, then shakes her head.]* No.
- 494 Bill: What about these two *[points to 100 and 4]*. What if I divide or multiply or add or  
495 subtract these two? Do I come up with that in any way?
- 496 Ann: *[Softly.]* I don't know.

- 497 Bill: Think about it for a second because that's the key right now. You're right on the  
498 verge of knowing the answer. [*Long pause.*] What do you think?
- 499 Ann: I'm not sure.
- 500 Bill: Well, tell me if you can see any relationships between these two numbers [*points to*  
501 *100 and 4*]. This is four seconds. That's how long it took him to go 100 feet. Okay?  
502 ... How can I end up with that [*points to 25*] as a speed?
- 503 Ann: [*Long pause.*] By subtracting?
- 504 10:21 Bill: [*Looking down at the scratch paper*] I don't see how--Show me how you would do  
505 that. How would you subtract it? [*Ann shrugs*] ... Okay. Let me have you do this.  
506 Why don't you make a couple of columns here. And we're going to make the column  
507 here, how far he has traveled, and the time. Okay? So on the first one over here, let's  
508 say he's going to be traveling 25 miles per hour. [*Ann makes misshapen columns with*  
509 *"25" at the top*]. Okay? How far does he travel? Let's put one second, two seconds,  
510 three seconds, four seconds, whatever. How far does he travel in the first second?
- 511 Ann: [*Softly*] Twenty-five miles.
- 512 Bill: Okay, so let's record here the time and here the distance he's traveled. Okay. How far  
513 has he traveled in the second second.
- 514 Ann: Fifty.
- 515 Bill: Okay, let's record that. And the third and fourth, etc.
- 516 Ann: Until 100?
- 517 10:22 Bill: The fourth is 100? [*Ann writes "1 sec," "2 sec," "3 sec," "4 sec" on top of each*  
518 *other and below the 25. She uses a distance line to the right and parallel to the*  
519 *column to denote the distance per second travelled*] Okay. How far will he have  
520 traveled in ... ten seconds? [*Ann begins to draw an extension to her newest distance*  
521 *line to make it 10 seconds long. She gives up and crosses the addition off, then writes*  
522 *"10" with possibly a minus sign, then crosses that out.*] Let's go back up here. Okay  
523 [*points to Ann's lines and times in column form*]. In one second, he went 25. Two you  
524 said he went 50, right? How did I get that?
- 525 10:23 Ann: You added 25 plus 25.
- 526 Bill: Oh, okay. And how about three seconds?
- 527 Ann: You added another 25.
- 528 Bill: Okay. Is there a more expedient, or easier way to add then just add 25 plus 25 plus  
529 25?
- 530 Ann: Yeah.
- 531 Bill: What?
- 532 Ann: Multiply.
- 533 Bill: Sure. So if we get down here to 10 seconds, what are we going to do with the 10?
- 534 Ann: ... Multiply?

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- 535 Bill: Sure! That's what you've been doing here, right?
- 536 Ann: [*Softly*] Yeah.
- 537 Bill: So, how far will he have traveled in 10? [*Ann writes  $25 * 10 =$  in column form*].
- 538 10:24 Bill: I should have brought in the calculator. I apologize for that. I didn't bring one. There  
539 you go. That's correct, it would be 250 [*Ann writes "250" under her multiplication*  
540 *column*]. Okay?
- 541 Ann: Okay.
- 542 Bill: Now. You see how we were going down here and just taking the time and the speed  
543 and you were multiplying the time [*points to 1 sec. from Ann's columns*] times the  
544 speed [*points to the 25 on the top of one of the columns*] to get the distance?
- 545 Ann: Okay.
- 546 Bill: Okay. Is there a way of seeing a relationship between these [*points to 4 and 100 on*  
547 *the top small distance line*] and this [*points to the 25 by the same distance line*]. From  
548 that what you were just doing, what were we doing to get from here to here to here,  
549 etc. [*points at each of the tick marks on the top small distance line in reverse order*]?
- 550 Ann: We were ... [*pause, shrugs*] I don't know.
- 551 Bill: Well, what were you doing to get from this column [*points to the seconds column*] to  
552 this column [*points to the distance line displayed vertically by the seconds column*]?  
553 [*Pauses, waiting for Ann to respond*] You were multiplying weren't you?
- 554 Ann: ... Yeah [*shrugs and then nods*].
- 555 10:25 Bill: Yeah. Okay. So if we're going down this track ... [*points to the top small distance*  
556 *line*] in segments [*touches the first tick interval, labelled 25*], we happen to know now  
557 are 25 feet per second each time, we're going [*drags finger over the distance line*] to  
558 get to the 100 in 4 seconds. Four times the 25 is 100, right?
- 559 Ann: [*Softly*] Yeah.
- 560 Bill: Okay. What's the relationship between the 5, 100 and 20 [*touches these numbers on*  
561 *the bottom small distance line*] ... on this one [*taps the bottom distance line again*]. If  
562 we're going 20 feet per second?
- 563 Ann: ... [*Softly*] They all make up the problem?
- 564 Bill: Huh?
- 565 Ann: They all make up the problem?
- 566 Bill: Well, yeah, that's a different problem. But what I'm asking you is to see if there's a  
567 relationship between these three numbers [*points to the 4, 25, and 100 on the top*  
568 *distance line*]? ... Okay. Is there a relationship between 4, 25, and 100?
- 569 Ann: No?
- 570 Bill: Okay. How about here [*touches the columned numbers in succession*] 25, one, two  
571 was 50, three was 75, four was a hundred. Here's the same ones I'm talking about  
572 right here. [*Pauses, waiting for Ann to respond. Ann looks discouraged*]. Is there any

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573 way I can get 100 from knowing these two numbers [*points to the 4 and the 25 on the*  
574 *top distance line*]?  
575 10:26 Ann: [*Shrugs*] Umm [*long pause*]. Yeah.  
576 Bill: How?  
577 Ann: I'm stuck.  
578 Bill: Okay. What did we just do here, Ann? You did it, I didn't do it.  
579 Ann: [*Softly*] We multiplied.  
580 Bill: Okay. Is there anyway of getting to 100 knowing these two numbers [*again pointing*  
581 *to the 4 and the 25*]?  
582 Ann: Uhh ... Yeah.  
583 Bill: How?  
584 Ann: Multiply?  
585 Bill: If you multiply, do you get 4 times 25 is 100?  
586 Ann: [*Softly*] Yeah.  
587 Bill: Sure you do. I guess our bell just rang. Ann, don't get so worried about it. You're  
588 doing fine. But there's an answer here that I can't give you. You gotta see it for  
589 yourself. And when you do, it will make your light bulb go pop! So don't worry about  
590 it. You're doing just fine. [*Ann nods*]. See you tomorrow. With any sort of luck, I'll  
591 be here.