

Reasoning and Problem Solving

Step 6: Partitioning

National Curriculum Objectives:

Mathematics Year 4: (4N4a) [Identify, represent and estimate numbers using different representations](#)

Mathematics Year 4: (4N6) [Solve number and practical problems that involve 4N1 - 4N5 and with increasingly large positive numbers](#)

Differentiation:

Questions 1, 4 and 7 (Problem Solving)

Developing Find two different ways to partition a 4-digit number. Includes pictorial representations. Each number is partitioned once. Some unconventional partitioning.

Expected Find two different ways to partition a 4-digit number. Using some instances of multiple examples of unconventional partitioning within a number.

Greater Depth Find two different ways to partition a 4-digit number. Includes some pictorial representations. Multiple examples of unconventional partitioning within a number where the parts are not given in place value order.

Questions 2, 5 and 8 (Reasoning)

Developing Explain which statement partitions a 4-digit number correctly. Includes pictorial representations. Each number is partitioned once. Some unconventional partitioning.

Expected Explain which statement partitions a 4-digit number correctly. Using some instances of multiple examples of unconventional partitioning within a number.

Greater Depth Explain which statement partitions a 4-digit number correctly. Includes written representations with multiple examples of unconventional partitioning within a number, where the parts are not given in place value order.

Questions 3, 6 and 9 (Reasoning)

Developing Explain which partitioned representation does not show a given 4-digit number. Includes a variety of pictorial representations where each number has been partitioned once. Some use of unconventional partitioning.

Expected Explain which partitioned representation does not show a given 4-digit number. Includes pictorial and written representations. Using some instances of multiple examples of unconventional partitioning within a number.

Greater Depth Explain which partitioned representation does not show a given 4-digit number. Pictorial and written representations used. Multiple examples of unconventional partitioning within a number where parts are not given in place value order.

More [Year 4 Place Value](#) resources.

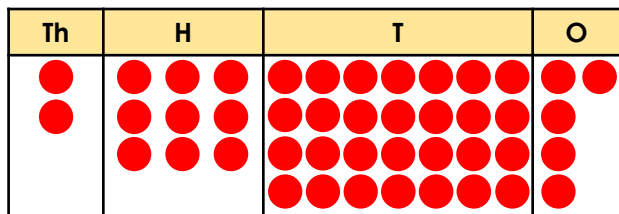
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Partitioning

1a. Sam says,



This is the only way to partition 3,185.



Prove Sam wrong by finding one more different way to partition 3,185.



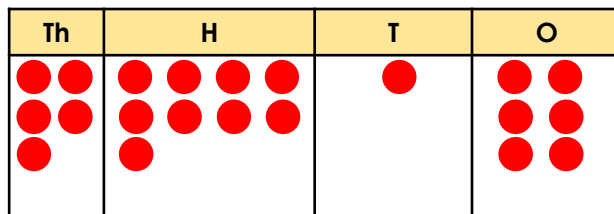
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Partitioning

1b. Frances says,



This is the only way to partition 5,916.



Prove Frances wrong by finding one more different way to partition 5,916.



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2a. These children are making the number 8,245.



I used 8 thousands, 2 hundreds, 3 tens and 15 ones.

Gracie

I have used 7 thousands, 11 hundreds, 9 tens and 45 ones.



Wasim

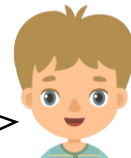
Who has partitioned the number correctly? Explain why.



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2b. These children are making the number 3,265.

I used 2 thousands, 12 hundreds and 65 ones.



Tommy

I have used 3 thousands, 2 hundreds, 4 tens and 25 ones.



Misha

Who has partitioned the number correctly? Explain why.



R

3a. Which representation does *not* show 3,123? Explain why.

A.	
B.	3 thousands, 11 tens and 13 ones
C.	



R

3b. Which representation does *not* show 6,151? Explain why.

A.	6 thousands, 15 tens and 1 one
B.	
C.	



R

Partitioning

4a. Blake says,



These are the only two ways to partition 2,923.

$$2,000 + 900 + 20 + 3$$

$$1,000 + 1,900 + 10 + 13$$

Prove Blake wrong by finding two more different ways to partition the number.



PS

Partitioning

4b. Natasha says,



These are the only two ways to partition 6,029.

$$6,000 + 0 + 20 + 9$$

$$5,000 + 1,000 + 20 + 9$$

Prove Natasha wrong by finding two more different ways to partition the number.



PS

5a. These children are making the number 2,921.



Alex

I used 2 thousands and 92 tens.

I used 1 thousand, 19 hundreds, 2 tens and 1 one.



Vishal

Who has partitioned the number correctly? Explain why.



R

5b. These children are making the number 5,071.

I used 5 thousands, 7 hundreds and 1 ten.



Ashley

I used 4 thousands, 10 hundreds and 71 ones.



Zahra

Who has partitioned the number correctly? Explain why.



R

6a. Which representation does *not* show 2,132? Explain why.

A.	
B.	two thousands, 13 tens and two ones
C.	



R

6b. Which representation does *not* show 3,056? Explain why.

A.	30 thousands, 5 tens and 6 ones
B.	
C.	



R

Partitioning

7a. Adam says,



There are only two ways to partition 7,201.

Prove Adam wrong by finding at least three different ways to partition 7,201. Record them below.



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Partitioning

7b. Hallie says,



There are only two ways to partition 4,598.

Prove Hallie wrong by finding at least three different ways to partition 4,598. Record them below.



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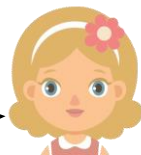
8a. These children are making the number 6,805.



Rory

I have used 38 hundreds, 68 tens, 28 ones and 2 thousands.

I used 130 tens, 105 ones, 3 thousands and 24 hundreds.



Emily

Who has partitioned the number correctly? Explain why.



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8b. These children are making the number 9,673.



Boris

I have used 183 ones, 4 thousands, 53 hundreds and 19 tens.



Tiffany

I used 21 tens, 25 hundreds, 53 ones and 7 thousands.

Who has partitioned the number correctly? Explain why.



R

9a. Which representation does *not* show 4,920? Explain why.

A.	
B.	12 hundreds, 10 ones, 3 thousands and 71 tens
C.	



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9b. Which representation does *not* show 4,061? Explain why.

A.	3 tens, 4 thousands and 31 ones
B.	
C.	



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Developing

- 1a. Various answers, for example:
3 thousands + 1 hundred + 8 tens + 5 ones;
3 thousands + 1 hundred + 5 tens + 35 ones;
2 thousands + 11 hundreds + 85 ones.
- 2a. Grace is correct because $8\text{ thousands} + 200 + 30 + 15 = 8,245$. Wasim has made 8,235.
- 3a. A is incorrect because it shows 2,123.

Expected

- 4a. Various answers, for example:
2 thousands + 9 hundreds + 1 ten + 13 ones;
2 thousands + 91 tens + 3 ones;
1 thousand + 1 thousand + 9 hundreds + 1 ten + 13 ones.
- 5a. Vishal is correct because $1\text{ thousand} + 19\text{ hundreds} + 2\text{ tens} + 1\text{ one} = 2,921$. Alex has made 2,920.
- 6a. C is incorrect because it shows 2,129.

Greater Depth

- 7a. Various answers, for example:
7 thousands + 2 hundreds + 1 one;
6 thousands + 11 hundreds + 10 tens + 1 one;
6 thousands + 12 hundreds + 1 one;
5 thousands + 21 hundreds + 8 tens + 21 ones and
4 thousands + 31 hundreds + 6 tens + 41 ones.
- 8a. Emily is correct because $3\text{ thousands} + 24\text{ hundreds} + 130\text{ tens} + 105\text{ ones} = 6,805$. Rory has made 6,508.
- 9a. A is incorrect because it shows 4,908.

Reasoning and Problem Solving Partitioning

Developing

- 1b. Various answers, for example:
4 thousands, 17 hundreds, 18 tens + 36 ones;
3 thousands + 20 hundreds + 90 tens + 16 ones;
5 thousands + 8 hundreds + 11 tens + 6 ones.
- 2b. Tommy and Misha are both correct. Tommy is correct because $2\text{ thousands} + 12\text{ hundreds} + 65\text{ ones} = 3,265$. Misha is also correct because $3\text{ thousands} + 2\text{ hundreds} + 4\text{ tens} + 25\text{ ones} = 3,265$.
- 3b. B is incorrect because it shows 6,111.

Expected

- 4b. Various answers, for example:
4 thousands + 20 hundreds + 2 tens and 9 ones;
3 thousands + 30 hundreds + 2 tens + 9 ones;
4 thousands + 202 tens + 9 ones.
- 5b. Zarah is correct because $4\text{ thousands} + 10\text{ hundreds} + 71\text{ ones} = 5,071$. Ashley has made 5,710.
- 6b. A is incorrect because it shows 30,056.

Greater Depth

- 7b. Various answers, for example:
4 thousands + 5 hundreds + 9 tens + 8 ones;
3 thousands + 15 hundreds + 8 tens + 18 ones;
3 thousands + 13 hundreds + 27 tens + 28 ones;
2 thousands + 22 hundreds + 33 tens + 68 ones.
- 8b. Boris is correct because $4\text{ thousands} + 53\text{ hundreds} + 19\text{ tens} + 83\text{ ones} = 9,673$. Tiffany has made 9,763.
- 9b. B is incorrect because it shows 4,062.