

Reasoning

Ms. Lang lives in St. Paul, Minnesota. Last year, she made 4 round trips to Madison, Wisconsin, and 3 round trips to Bismarck, North Dakota. How many more miles did she travel in her trips to Bismarck than in her trips to Madison?

1. Write an expression to represent the difference between the total number of miles in the Bismarck trips and the total number of miles in the Madison trips. You can use a diagram to help.

Sample answer:  $(3 \times 2 \times 437) - (4 \times 2 \times 260)$ 

**2.** Explain how the numbers, symbols, and operations in your expression represent the problem.

 $(2 \times 437)$  represents the number of miles in a round trip to Bismarck. This quantity is multiplied by 3 because there were 3 round trips.  $(2 \times 260)$  represents the number of miles in a round trip to Madison. This quantity is multiplied by 4 because there were 4 round trips. The two products are subtracted to find the difference in the total distances.

**3.** How many more miles did Mrs. Lang travel in her trips to Bismarck than in her trips to Madison? Explain how you solved the problem.

542 miles; I evaluated the expression in Exercise 1:  $(3 \times 2 \times 437) - (4 \times 2 \times 260) = 2,622 - 2,080 = 542$ 





## Performance Task

## **Camping Trip**

Ross is planning a camping trip for 136 scouts. He has reserved 4 buses. The scouts will sleep in tents or cabins. If they fill every bed in the cabins, how many campers will sleep in tents?

**4. Make Sense and Persevere** What information in the problem do you need?

There are 136 scouts and 14 cabins with 4 beds in each cabin.

Each cabin has 4 single beds.

State Park

14 cabins

**5. Reasoning** Describe the calculations needed to solve the problem and explain the order in which you need to do them. You can use a diagram to help.

Multiply  $14 \times 4$  to find the number of campers that can sleep in the cabins. Then subtract the sum from 136.

6. Model with Math Write an expression to represent the number of campers that will sleep in tents.

Sample answer:  $136 - (14 \times 4)$ 

**7. Critique Reasoning** Ross says he does not need grouping symbols in the expression that represents this problem. Is he correct? Explain.

Ross is correct. He could use the expression  $136 - 14 \times 4$ . According to the order of operations, the multiplication would be done before the subtraction.

**8. Be Precise** Find the number of campers that will sleep in tents. Explain how you found the answer.

80 campers; Sample explanation: I evaluated the expression in Exercise 6:  $136 - (14 \times 4) = 136 - 56 = 80$  When you use reasoning, you can use properties and diagrams to help make sense of the quantities.

