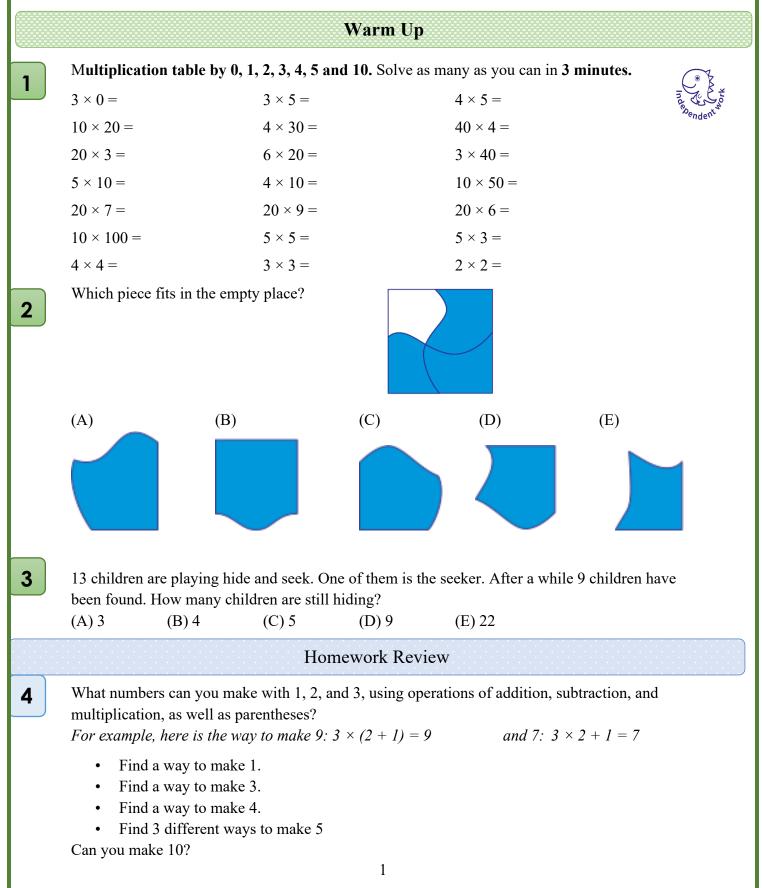


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## Math 2 Classwork 22



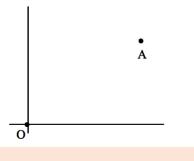
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## **New Material**

To find a position of the point on the line, we need to know only one number. How to find a position of the point on the plane? Does one number is still enough? For example, suppose we mark a point on the plane and call it point O.

How can you describe the position of point A relative to point O? Take a look at the picture below and explain how A is relative to O. If your description is in words, can you use just one number to specify where A is in relation to O?



## Coordinates on a plane

*A coordinate system* on the plane is a way to describe the position of any point on the plane relative to a fixed point (the center of the coordinate system).

A coordinate system on the plane has two number lines. Those lines are perpendicular to each other. We usually call the horizontal number line "x-axis" and the vertical number line "y-axis." *The origin* – point O has coordinates (0,0).

Mark a point A on the coordinate system so that:

a) Point A lies on the x-axis.

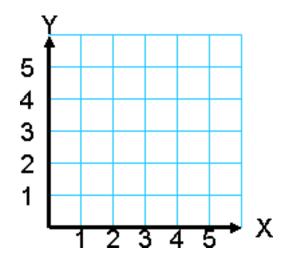
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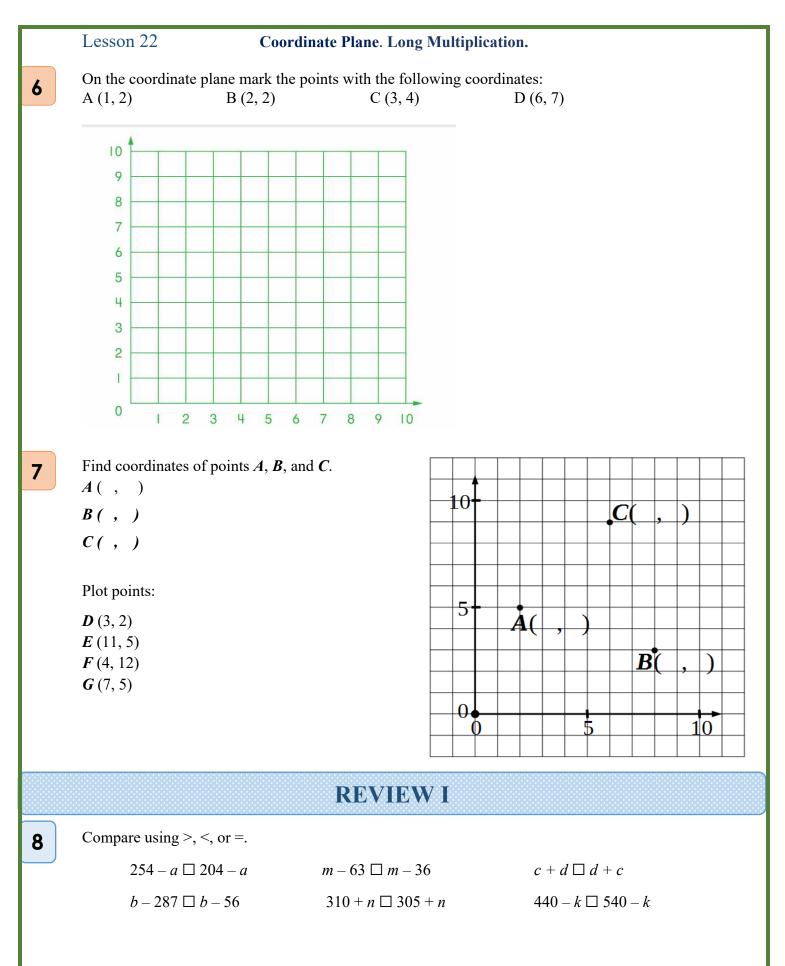
b) Point A is at the mark 5 on the x-axis;

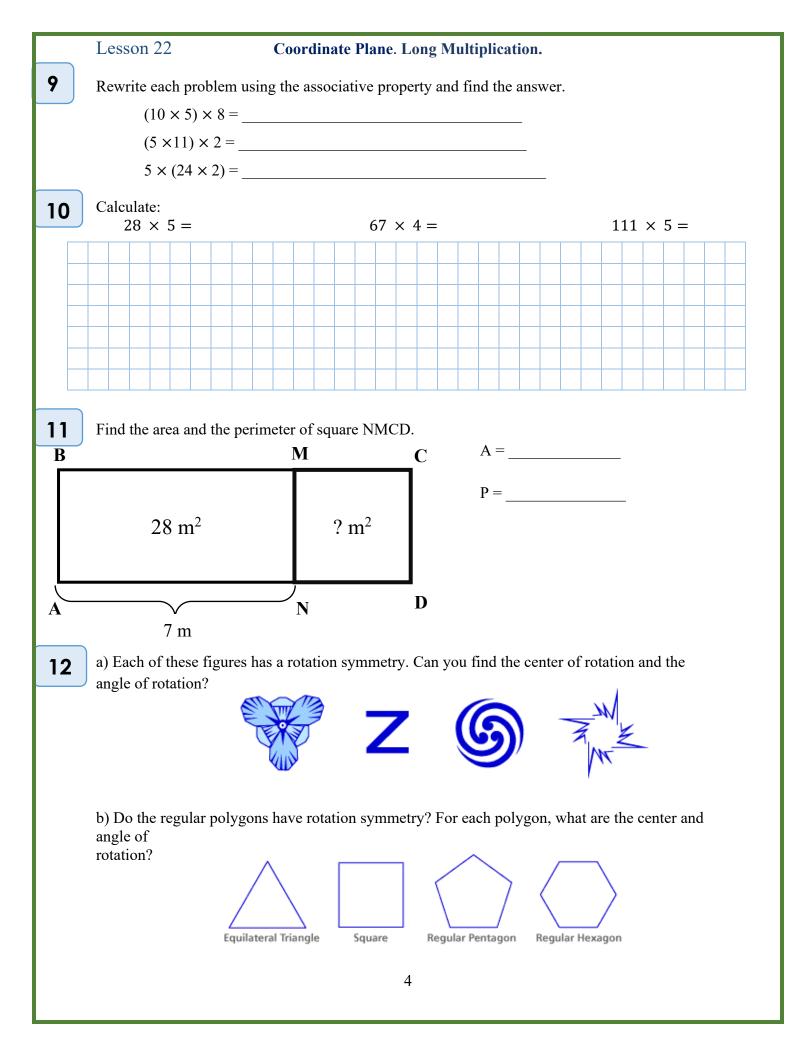
Mark point B on the coordinate system so that: a) Point B lies on the y-axis;

b) Point D is at the mark 2 on the x

b) Point B is at the mark 2 on the y-axis.







## Did you know ...

The Cartesian Plane, also known as the **Coordinate Plane**, is named after the French mathematician René Descartes. He was born in La Haye, France, on March 31, 1596. Descartes was taught at home up to the age of eight. At that point, he entered the Jesuit college of La Flèche, where he continued his schooling until graduating at the age of eighteen.

While at La Flèche, Descartes suffered health problems, and because of this, his teachers allowed Descartes to stay in bed for most of the morning. Even though he missed almost all of his morning classes, he could still keep up with all of his studies. It has been rumored that Descartes' inspiration for the coordinate plane came about because of all the time he spent



in bed. The story goes that one day when Descartes was in bed, he noticed a fly crawling around on the ceiling. He tried to think of ways to describe where the fly was located and realized that he could do so by telling the fly's position by its distance from each wall. Then he tried to relate the fly's position to a point, and, well, one thing leads to another, and voilà! He came up with the coordinate plane and Cartesian coordinates!

Cartesian coordinates are used to locate a point in space by giving its relative distance from perpendicular intersecting lines. These perpendicular intersecting lines for the two coordinate axes of the Cartesian (coordinate) plane. Any point, line, or figure can be precisely located by referencing these axes. The horizontal axis is called the **x-axis**, and the vertical axis is called the **y-axis**. The coordinate plane is divided into four quadrants (as pictured below).

In the system that Descartes created, a **coordinate pair** (or an ordered pair) describes the location of a point on the coordinate plane. The coordinate pair is (x, y). The first value is the position of the point on the x-coordinate, the second value is the y-coordinate, which describes where on the y-axis the point is located. Any point on the plane can be described using a pair of coordinates – the Cartesian coordinate system.

A set of coordinates gives the location of a city, country, or ship at sea. Another application of ordered pairs is when computer graphic artists create figures and computer animations by referring to coordinates. What else are ordered pairs used for in the real world?

