

Math 200 - Quiz 1

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Name key

Score _____

Show all work to receive full credit. Supply explanations when necessary.

1. (2 points) State any two steps of the four-step problem-solving process. Then list two significantly different strategies associated with each of your two steps.

① UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEM

- i) READ AND REREAD PROBLEM
- ii) TRANSLATE WORDS INTO MATH EXPRESSIONS

④ LOOK BACK

- i) CHECK IN THE ORIGINAL WORDING OF THE PROBLEM
- ii) GENERALIZE

2. (2 points) On a Halloween hayride, the number of girls was four less than twice the number of boys. The total number of girls and boys was 17. How many girls could NOT be paired with boys?

Let $g = \#$ of girls
 $b = \#$ of boys

$$g = 2b - 4$$

$$b + g = 17$$

$$b + 2b - 4 = 17$$

$$3b = 21$$

$$b = 7$$

7 boys AND

$$2(7) - 4 = 10 \text{ girls.}$$

THIS LEAVES 3
UNPAIRED GIRLS.

ANOTHER APPROACH COULD
USE A TABLE *

Boys	Girls	TOTAL
0	-4	-4
1	-2	-1
2	0	2
...
6	8	14
7	10	17

* 4 FEWER GIRLS THAN
TWICE # OF BOYS

3. (1 point) Find the sum: $5 + 6 + 7 + \dots + 878 + 879 + 880$

$$880 - 4 = 876 \text{ TERMS}$$

$$5 + 6 + 7 + \dots + 879 + 880$$

$$880 + 879 + \dots + 6 + 5$$

876 groups OF 885

$$\text{Sum} = \frac{876(885)}{2} = \boxed{387,630}$$