

Sequences and missing pieces

Today we will use our

- Problem solving and equation solving skills with sequence problems

Our main question "What am I missing?" $t_n = a + (n - 1)d$


1) In an arithmetic sequence $t_{95} = 648.2$ and $t_1 = 9$, what is the common difference?

We know $a = 9$, $n = 95$ if $t_n = 648.2$ so: $648.2 = 9 + (95-1)d$
 $639.2 = 94d$ $d = 6.8$

2) In an arithmetic sequence $t_{78} = 48.7$ and $t_{79} = 49.3$, what t_1 ?

We know $n = 78$ if $t_n = 48.7$ and $d = 49.3 - 48.7$ so: $48.7 = a + (78 - 1)(0.6)$
 $48.7 = a + 46.2$ $a = 2.5$

3) How many terms? 12.8, 5, -2.8, ... -541

We know $a = 12.8$, $d = 5 - 12.8$ and $t_n =$  so: $-541 = 12.8 + (n - 1)(-7.8)$
 $-553.8 = -7.8(n - 1)$
 $71 = n - 1$ $n = 72$

4) In an arithmetic sequence $t_{96} = 606.8$ and $t_1 = 14$, what is t_{157} ?

We need 'd'

We know $a = 14$, $n = 96$ if $t_{96} = 606.8$ so: $606.8 = 14 + (96-1)d$
 $592.8 = 95d$ $d = 6.24$
 $t_{157} = 14 + (157 - 1)(6.24)$ $t = 987.44$

5) Fit 5 terms between 9 and 450 so that an arithmetic sequence is formed (these are called **arithmetic means**)

9 _____ 450
so 450 is the 7th term $450 = 9 + (7-1)d$ $441 = 6d$ $d = 73.5$ now fill in blanks

9 82.5 156 229.5 303 376.5 450

This missing pieces lesson will play a big part in our next 2 sequences lessons 😊

Assignment = worksheet

Math 10 Arithmetic Sequences Missing Pieces (Day 3 Worksheet)

1) In an arithmetic sequence $t_{16} = 180$ and the common difference is 5.8, find the first term.

2) In an arithmetic sequence $t_7 = 434$ and the common difference is -82, find the first term.

3) In an arithmetic sequence $t_7 = 18$ and $t_1 = -66$, find the common difference.

4) In an arithmetic sequence $t_{64} = 4$ and $t_1 = 100$, find the common difference.

5) How many terms are in the sequences below:

a) 10, 15, 20,, 250

b) 1, 4, 7,, 121

c) 40, 38, 36, -290

d) -11, -7, -3, ..., 153

e) 3, 10.2, 17.4, 413.4

f) 90, 66, 42, -1086

- 6) In an arithmetic sequence $t_{12} = 66$ and the common difference is 7.8, find t_{30} .
- 7) In an arithmetic sequence $t_{22} = 74$ and the common difference is 4.8, find t_{52} .
- 8) In an arithmetic sequence $t_{11} = 68$ and $t_1 = -34$, find t_{100} .
- 9) Fit 3 terms in-between 10 and 182 so that an arithmetic sequence is formed
- 10) Fit 4 terms in-between 99 and 15 so that an arithmetic sequence is formed
- 11) Fill in the blanks in the arithmetic sequences below
- a) _____, _____, 14, _____, 26 b) a) _____, 3, _____, _____, -18
- 12) Jar 1 contains 7 cookies, jar 2 contains 10 cookies, jar 3 contains 13 cookies ...**
- a) How many cookies are in jar 39? b) Which jar contains 214 cookies?