

Division — 30 Problems • Answer Key + Assessment Guide

3-Digit $\div$ 1- and 2-Digit • For the Parent or Teacher

Answer Key

1. $246 \div 2 = 123$	2. $396 \div 3 = 132$	3. $504 \div 4 = 126$	4. $625 \div 5 = 125$	5. $648 \div 6 = 108$
6. $735 \div 7 = 105$	7. $824 \div 8 = 103$	8. $729 \div 9 = 81$	9. $354 \div 6 = 59$	10. $532 \div 4 = 133$
11. $437 \div 3 = 145 \text{ R } 2$	12. $615 \div 8 = 76 \text{ R } 7$	13. $800 \div 7 = 114 \text{ R } 2$	14. $953 \div 6 = 158 \text{ R } 5$	15. $716 \div 5 = 143 \text{ R } 1$
16. $240 \div 12 = 20$	17. $396 \div 11 = 36$	18. $480 \div 15 = 32$	19. $575 \div 25 = 23$	20. $504 \div 14 = 36$
21. $728 \div 13 = 56$	22. $845 \div 13 = 65$	23. $612 \div 17 = 36$	24. $945 \div 27 = 35$	25. $798 \div 21 = 38$
26. $437 \div 19 = 23$	27. $583 \div 16 = 36 \text{ R } 7$	28. $700 \div 23 = 30 \text{ R } 10$	29. $825 \div 18 = 45 \text{ R } 15$	30. $962 \div 47 = 20 \text{ R } 22$

What to Look For

Method choice (any problem)

- Acceptable methods: long division (standard algorithm), partial quotients (subtraction-based), area model.
- Long division is fast but error-prone with two-digit divisors. Partial quotients is slower but more transparent — and many students find it less confusing.
- ★ A student using PARTIAL QUOTIENTS for the harder ones is showing flexibility and self-knowledge.

Problems 1–10 (Single-digit, clean)

- These are diagnostic of fluency with single-digit division facts.
- Watch for: students who can't recall basic facts like $6 \times 8 = 48$ or $7 \times 9 = 63$. If they're stalling on the table, that's a foundation gap — division won't be fluent until facts are.
- Problem 9 ($354 \div 6 = 59$): student should recognize $6 \times 60 = 360$ (close to 354), then back off by 1.
- Problem 10 ($532 \div 4 = 133$): 4 doesn't go into 5 once with a clean carry — first digit of quotient is 1, with remainder 1 = 13 ones for next step. Procedural; if they fail this they don't have place value down yet.

Problems 11–15 (Single-digit, with remainders)

- Remainders test whether the student understands what "division doesn't go evenly" means.
- Answers: 145 R2, 76 R7, 114 R2, 158 R5, 143 R1.
- Problem 12 ($615 \div 8$): the answer 76 R 7 is critical because the remainder is large. Some students will write 76 R 5 (mis-subtracted) or 77 (rounded up wrongly).
- ★ A student who writes "76.875" or "76 $\frac{7}{8}$ " is using equivalent representations — strong, even if not what was asked.

Problems 16–26 (Two-digit divisor, clean)

- Two-digit divisors require an estimation step: "how many times does 13 go into 84?"
- Common error: students get the first digit of the quotient wrong, then realize and start over. Look for the trial and erasure marks — that's healthy.
- Problem 19 ($575 \div 25 = 23$): can be done elegantly — $25 \times 20 = 500$, then 75 left, $25 \times 3 = 75$.
- Problem 24 ($945 \div 27 = 35$): one of the trickiest. Student needs to know $27 \times 30 = 810$, then check if 4 more would fit ($27 \times 4 = 108$, but only 135 remains). Quotient: 35.

Problems 27–30 (Two-digit divisor, with remainders)

- Answers: 36 R 7, 30 R 10, 45 R 15, 20 R 22.
- Hardest of the worksheet. Watch for: did they verify by multiplication (quotient $\times$ divisor + remainder = dividend)?
- Problem 30 ($962 \div 47$): $47 \times 20 = 940$, remainder 22. Quotient 20 R 22. A student who got 21 R something has over-counted.
- ★ THE diagnostic question: do they CHECK by multiplying back? A student who self-checks is more advanced than one who just produces an answer.

Question A — Check $246 \div 2$ by multiplying

- Should write $123 \times 2 = 246$.
- Strong: shows the multiplication and explains "this proves the division is right because division undoes multiplication."
- Weak: does the multiplication but doesn't articulate the inverse relationship.
- ★ Reveals whether they understand division as the INVERSE of multiplication, not just a separate operation.

Question B — What does R7 mean in $615 \div 8 = 76 \text{ R } 7$?

- ★ The 7 is "leftover" — 8 doesn't go into 615 evenly. There are 76 full groups of 8 (which is 608), plus 7 left over.
- Strong: "After making 76 groups of 8, you've used 608, so 7 are left over."
- Weak: "R means remainder" with no explanation of WHAT it represents.

Question C — $800 \div 7$ closer to 100 or 200?

- ★ Closer to 100. (Actual: 114 R 2.)
- Strong: " $7 \times 100 = 700$, so the answer is just a bit over 100, not close to 200."
- Weak: guesses without checking by multiplying. Reveals whether they use multiplication as a navigation tool.

Question D — Mai: division is repeated subtraction

- ★ Mai is right. $396 \div 11$: keep subtracting 11 until you reach 0. $396 - 11 \times 36 = 396 - 396 = 0$. Answer: 36.
- Strong: counts groups of 11 fitting into 396 OR repeatedly subtracts. Demonstrates the underlying concept.
- Weak: doesn't connect the operations; or shows long division without using subtraction language.

Question E — If $945 \div 27 = 35$, then...

- $27 \times 35 = 945$.
- $945 \div 35 = 27$.
- ★ This is the fact family: $a \times b = c$, $b \times a = c$, $c \div a = b$, $c \div b = a$.
- Strong: fills both without re-computing and explains the relationship between multiplication and division.
- Weak: re-computes from scratch.

Question F — 528 students, 24/bus, how many buses?

- $528 \div 24 = 22$ exactly. ★ Answer: 22 buses.
- BUT — if it had a remainder (say $530 \div 24 = 22 \text{ R } 2$), the answer would be 23 buses (you can't leave 2 kids behind). This is interpreting the remainder in context.

- In this particular problem, $528 \div 24 = 22$ exactly so no rounding needed. But watch: a student who automatically says "23 buses" without checking whether the remainder is zero is using a memorized rule, not reasoning about the situation.
- ★ THE deepest question on the worksheet — does the student think about WHAT the answer means in the real world?

Patterns of error to watch for

- Quotient digit too small / too big: student under- or over-estimates how many times the divisor fits. Often a sign of weak multiplication fact recall.
- Forgetting the remainder: leaves R off altogether. They may not understand what's leftover represents.
- Wrong placement of quotient digits: writes the quotient digit in the wrong column. This is a place-value error and is critical to fix.
- Subtracting incorrectly within long division: each step requires a subtraction. Subtraction errors propagate.
- Bringing down the wrong digit: classic long division mistake.

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