

Explanation for 'Weight Word Problems':

MatheMagic Pg 125

No. 3

- a) How much short of 2kg is the beef?

I would change these to g to make it easier to subtract.

$$\begin{array}{r} 2,000 \\ - 1,320 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

680g

- b) Which is heavier- four tins of dog food or the beef?

$$400g \times 4 = 1,600g$$

$$\text{Beef} = 1,320g$$

Answer = Dog food is heavier.

- c) How much heavier are five tins of dog food than the beef?

$$400g \times 5 = 2,000g$$

$$\text{Beef} = 1,320g$$

Subtract these from one another - Answer = 680g

- d) How much lighter are three tins of dog food than the beef?

$$\text{Beef} = 1,320g$$

$$400g \times 3 = 1,200g$$

Subtract these from one another - Answer = 120g

No. 4

- a) How many boxes of matches weigh the same as three apples?

$$3 \text{ apples} = 80g \times 3 = 240g$$

$$240g \div 20 \text{ match boxes} = 12 \text{ match boxes}$$

- b) If the beef was shared equally among a family of four, what weight of beef did each person get?

$$\text{Change to g} - 1.32\text{kg} = 1,320g$$

$$1,320g \div 4 = 330g$$

- c) If the beef was shared equally among a family of six, what weight of beef did each person get?

$$\text{Change to g} - 1.32\text{kg} = 1,320g$$

$$1,320g \div 6 = 220g$$

d) Which item above is 70g heavier than a quarter of the weight of the beef?

$$\frac{1}{4} \text{ of } 1,320\text{g} = 1,320\text{g} \div 4 = 330\text{g}$$

The dog food is 70g heavier than a $\frac{1}{4}$ of the beef because it weighs 400g.

Answer = dog food

e) Find the total weight of the five items above.

Change all to g.

1,320g

400g

80g

50g

+ 20g

Add all of these together- Answer = 1,870g or 1.87kg