## A Tour of Your Texthook

## How is MathLinks 7 set up?

Each chapter starts off with a Chapter Problem called a Math Link that connects math and your world. You will be able to solve the problem using the math skills that you learn in the chapter.

You are asked to answer questions related to the problem throughout the chapter. These questions appear in Math Link boxes.

## MATH LINK

a) What type of transformation(s) do you see in this bead design?
b) Reflect or rotate the entire design to make a different pattern.

- If you use a reflection, one side of the image should touch one side of the original design.
- If you use a rotation, one vertex of the image should tir design.
c) Describe the transformation you used.

The numbered sections often start with a visual to connect the topic to a real setting. The purpose of this introduction is to help you make connections between the math in the section and the real world, or to make connections to what you already know.


The Wrap It Up! is at the end of the chapter, on the second Practice Test page.


## A three-part lesson follows.

The first part helps you find answers to the key question.

- An activity is designed to help you build your own understanding of the new concept and lead toward answers to the key question.

- Examples and Solutions demonstrate how to use the concept.

Example 1: Use Divisibility Rules to Sort Numbers
a) Sort the numbers according to divisibility by 6 and 9 . $\begin{array}{llllll}30 & 79 & 162 & 3996 & 23517 & 31974\end{array}$
b) If a number is divisible by both 6 and 9 , what is the smallest number other than 1 that it is also divisible by? How do you know?

Solution
a) Check for divisibility by 6 . Is the number divisible by both 2 and 3? Check for divisibility by 9 . Is the sum of the digits divisible by 9 ? Use an organizer such as a Carroll diagram or Venn diagram.


- A summary of the main new concepts is given in the Key Ideas box.
- Questions in the Communicate the Ideas section let you talk or write about the concepts and assess whether you understand the ideas.



## How does MathLinks 7 help you learn?

## Understanding Vocabulary

Key Words are listed on the Chapter Opener. Perhaps you already know the meaning of some of them. Great! If not, watch for these terms highlighted the first time they are used in the chapter. The meaning is given close by in the margin.


Literacy Links provide tips to help you read and interpret items in math. These tips will help you in other subjects as well.


## Understanding Concepts

The Explore the Math and Discuss the Math activities are designed to help you construct your own understanding of new concepts. The key question tells you what the activity is about. Short steps, with illustrations, lead you to make some conclusions in the Reflect on Your Findings question.



The exercises begin with Communicate the Ideas. These questions focus your thinking on the Key Ideas you learned in the section. By discussing these questions in a group, or doing the action called for, you can see whether you understand the main points and are ready to start the exercises.

The first few questions in the Practise can often be done by following one of the worked Examples.

The Examples and their worked Solutions include several tools to help you understand the work.

- Notes in a thought bubble help you think through the steps.
- Sometimes different methods of solving the same problem are shown. One way may make more sense to you than the other.
- Problem Solving Strategies are pointed out.
- Calculator key press sequences are shown where appropriate.
- Many Examples are followed by a Show You Know. These questions help you check that you understand the skill covered in the Example.


## What else will you find in MathLinks 7?

## Problem Solving

At the beginning of the student resource there is an overview of the four steps you can use to approach Problem Solving. Samples of 7 problem solving strategies are shown. You can refer back to this section if you need help choosing a strategy to solve a problem. You are also encouraged to use your own strategies.


## Mental Math and Estimation

This Mental Math and Estimation logo does

1. It signals where you can use mental math and estimation.

2. It provides useful tips for using mental math and estimation.

## Foldables ${ }^{\text {TM }}$

Study Tool

## Other Features

Did You Know?
The colours of the Olympic rings were chosen because at least one of these colours is found in the flag of every nation. The five interlocking rings represent the union of the five major regions of the world-the Americas, Africa, Asia, Oceania, and Europe.

Each chapter opener describes how to make a Foldable to help organize what you learn in the chapter. The last part of each Foldable encourages you to keep track of what you need to work on.

## Did You Know?

These are interesting facts related to math topics you are learning.

## Subject Links

This feature links the current topic to another subject area.


## Chapter Review and Practice Test

There is a Chapter Review and a Practice Test at the end of each chapter. The chapter review is organized by section number so you can look back if you need help with a question. The test includes the different types of questions that you will find on provincial tests: multiple choice, numerical response, short answer, and extended response.

## Cumulative Review

To help you reinforce what you have learned, there is a review of the previous four chapters at the end of Chapters 4,8 , and 12. Each of these special reviews is followed by a Task.

## Task

These tasks require you to use skills from more than one chapter. You will also need to use your creativity.

## Math Games and Challenge in Real Life



The last two pages of each chapter provide Math Games and a Challenge in Real Life.

Math Games provide an interesting way to practise the skills you learned during the chapter. Most games can be played with a partner. Some can be played with a larger group. Enjoy them with your friends and family.

The Challenge in Real Life provides an interesting problem that shows how the math you learned in the chapter relates to jobs, careers, or daily life.


## Answers

Answers are provided for all Practise, Apply, and Extend questions, as well as Reviews. Sample answers are given for questions that have a variety of possible answers or that involve communication. If you need help, read the sample and then try to give an alternative response.

Answers are omitted for the Math Link questions and for Practice Tests because teachers may use these questions to assess your progress.

## Glossary

Refer to the illustrated Glossary at the back of the student resource if you need to check the exact meaning of mathematical terms.

