

10 New Mexico NM-MSSA Grade 3 Math Practice Tests

The Ultimate Test Prep Collection with Answer Explanations

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 - **Tests 4–6** **Build Momentum.** Start timing. Study weak spots between tests.
 - **Tests 7–9** **Push Your Limits.** Full test conditions. Aim for personal bests.
 - **Test 10** **The Grand Finale!** Your ultimate performance. You're ready!
- 💡 **Tip:** One test per week over 10 weeks is the ideal pace.

● Multiple Choice

Pick the best answer from A, B, C, or D.

Master tip: After you pick an answer, ask yourself: "Why are the other three wrong?" If you can explain that, you truly understand the concept!

Short Answer

Show your work and write a clear answer.

Master tip: Write your steps as if you're teaching a friend. If someone could follow your work and get the same answer, you've shown your work the right way!

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💡 Master-Level Strategies 💡

Expert tricks to help you ace every single test!

👑 Your Test-Day Routine

Do this before **every single test**. Make it a habit!

1. **Rest & refuel** — Get sleep the night before. Eat well.
2. **Set up your workspace** — Clear desk. Pencils, eraser, scratch paper.
3. **Set your intention** — “Today I’ll focus on showing my work.” or “Today I’ll double-check every answer.”
4. **Deep breaths** — 3 slow breaths to focus your mind.
5. **Start!** — Remember: this is practice. You’re here to learn.

✂️ Advanced Problem-Solving

1. **Read, re-read, then plan.** Read the question. Read it again. Then decide how to solve it.
2. **Estimate first.** Before you calculate, make a rough guess. If your answer is way off from your estimate, something went wrong!
3. **Use elimination on multiple choice.** Cross out 1–2 wrong answers before picking. This boosts your odds!
4. **Draw it out.** Fractions, arrays, word problems — a quick sketch often reveals the answer.
5. **Label everything.** Write “apples,” “cm,” “\$” next to your numbers. It catches silly mistakes.
6. **Work backwards to check.** Got $24 \div 6 = 4$? Check: $4 \times 6 = 24$. Perfect!

🕒 Smart Pacing

- **First pass:** Answer everything you know quickly (~30 min)
- **Second pass:** Tackle the harder questions (~15 min)
- **Third pass:** Check all answers (~10 min)
- Don’t spend more than 2 minutes on any single question
- Star the hard ones and come back!

🧠 The Mastery Mindset

- Mistakes are data, not failures
- Compare yourself to your past self, not others
- Focus on understanding, not memorizing
- Every test you take makes the next one easier
- You’re training, not being tested!



“Here’s the truth: after 10 tests, you’ll know these math topics better than almost anyone in your class. Not because you’re “smarter,” but because you **practiced more**. That’s the secret behind every math master!”

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X¹ Math Reference Sheet X¹

You may use this page during your practice tests!

Symbol	Name	What It Means	
+	Plus (Add)	Put numbers together.	$3 + 5 = 8$
-	Minus (Subtract)	Take away from a number.	$9 - 4 = 5$
×	Times (Multiply)	Add equal groups.	$4 \times 3 = 12$
÷	Divide	Split into equal groups.	$12 \div 3 = 4$
=	Equals	Both sides are the same.	$2 + 3 = 5$
>	Greater Than	The left number is bigger.	$7 > 3$
<	Less Than	The left number is smaller.	$2 < 9$
$\frac{1}{2}$	Fraction Bar	Part of a whole. $\frac{1}{2}$ means 1 out of 2 equal parts	

Key Math Words

- **Sum** — the answer when you add
- **Difference** — the answer when you subtract
- **Product** — the answer when you multiply
- **Quotient** — the answer when you divide
- **Factor** — a number you multiply
- **Array** — objects in rows and columns
- **Fraction** — a part of a whole
- **Numerator** — the top number in a fraction
- **Denominator** — the bottom number
- **Equation** — a math sentence with =
- **Estimate** — a smart guess, close to the real answer
- **Perimeter** — the distance around a shape
- **Area** — the space inside a shape
- **Rounding** — making a number simpler by going to the nearest ten or hundred

 Word Problem Clue Words

- **Add** (+): *in all, total, altogether, combined, sum, both, more*
- **Subtract** (−): *how many more, how many left, fewer, difference, remain*
- **Multiply** (×): *each, every, groups of, times, rows of, per*
- **Divide** (÷): *share equally, split, each group, how many groups, per*



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PRACTICE TEST

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Practice Test 1

 30 Questions

Before You Start

- ✓ *Read each question carefully before choosing your answer.*
- ✓ *Show your work on scratch paper when you need to.*
- ✓ *Skip hard questions and come back to them later.*
- ✓ *Check your answers when you're done.*
- ✓ *Take your time — there's no rush!*

★ *You've Got This!* ★

Do your best and show what you know!



7. What is 3×5 ?

(A) 8

(B) 12

(C) 15

(D) 35

8. Each hand has 5 fingers. How many fingers are on 4 hands?

Your Answer:

9. Carlos starts with 40 stickers. He gives away 5 stickers at a time. How many times can he give away stickers?

(A) 7

(B) 8

(C) 9

(D) 35

10. If you know $4 \times 9 = 36$, which TWO facts can you write immediately?

(A) $36 \div 4 = 9$ and $36 \div 9 = 4$

(B) $36 + 4 = 40$ and $36 + 9 = 45$

(C) $36 \div 2 = 18$ and $36 \div 3 = 12$

(D) $9 - 4 = 5$ and $4 + 9 = 13$

11. If you know $6 \times 4 = 24$, what is 6×5 without multiplying?

(A) 25

(B) 28

(C) 30

(D) 36

12. Which fraction means "two-thirds"?

(A) $\frac{3}{2}$

(B) $\frac{2}{3}$

(C) $\frac{1}{3}$

(D) $\frac{2}{2}$



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13. What whole number does $\frac{6}{3}$ equal?

(A) 1

(B) 2

(C) 3

(D) 6

14. 5 friends share a sandwich equally. What unit fraction does each friend get?

Your Answer:

15. Which fraction is NOT equivalent to $\frac{1}{2}$?

(A) $\frac{2}{4}$

(B) $\frac{3}{6}$

(C) $\frac{4}{8}$

(D) $\frac{3}{8}$

16. What whole number does $\frac{8}{4}$ equal?

(A) 2

(B) 4

(C) 8

(D) 32

17. Write $<$, $>$, or $=$: $\frac{5}{6}$ — $\frac{3}{6}$

Your Answer:

18. The short hand is past the 11 and the long hand points to the 3. What time is it?

(A) 3:11

(B) 11:03

(C) 11:15

(D) 3:55



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19. Art class starts at 1:20 and lasts 45 minutes. When does art class end?

- (A) 1:65 (B) 2:05
(C) 2:15 (D) 1:45

20. A watermelon has a mass of 6 kg. You cut it in half and eat one half. What is the mass of the remaining half?

- (A) 2 kg (B) 3 kg
(C) 4 kg (D) 6 kg

21. A water cooler holds 20 liters. Students drink 3 liters each hour for 4 hours. How much water is left?

- (A) 8 L (B) 12 L
(C) 16 L (D) 7 L

22. How many nickels make the same amount as 1 quarter?

- (A) 3 (B) 4
(C) 5 (D) 10

23. Emma buys a juice box for \$1.35 and a muffin for \$2.90. How much does she spend in all?

- (A) \$3.25 (B) \$4.15
(C) \$4.25 (D) \$3.35



24. A picture graph uses each symbol to stand for 2 items. Emma's row has 4 symbols and Jake's row has 6 symbols. How many fewer items does Emma have than Jake?

(A) 2

(B) 4

(C) 8

(D) 10

25. A line plot shows finger lengths. There are 5 X marks above 2 inches, 3 X marks above $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches, and 4 X marks above 3 inches. How many fingers were measured in all?

Your Answer:

26. A shape has 4 sides. Two sides are parallel and two sides are not parallel. What is the name of this shape?

(A) Rectangle

(B) Rhombus

(C) Square

(D) Trapezoid

27. Which 3D shape has 1 flat circular face and comes to a point at the top?

(A) Cylinder

(B) Sphere

(C) Cube

(D) Cone

28. Which rectangle has the smallest area?

(A) 6 cm $\times$ 5 cm

(B) 3 cm $\times$ 8 cm

(C) 4 cm $\times$ 7 cm

(D) 2 cm $\times$ 10 cm



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29. A square has a perimeter of 36 inches. What is the length of each side?

(A) 6 in

(B) 8 in

(C) 9 in

(D) 12 in

30. A shape is partitioned so that each part is $\frac{1}{8}$ of the whole. How many equal parts is the shape split into?

Your Answer:



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