

Math-Look for bad answers

Directions: Fill in the blank with a word that makes sense to you. Circle words near the blank that show why you chose that word. Next, look at the multiple choice answers. Which of the answers is the worst? Which other answers don't make sense?

When we first read a problem in mathematics, we should first understand the general meaning of the question and not worry about the specific numbers involved. For example, consider the following _____ 1 _____.

For a long time Tracy wanted to buy a dress that cost \$26.50. While shopping one day, she noticed that the dress was on sale for \$19.99. She had \$16.75 in her _____ 2 _____ at the time. How much more money did she need to pay for the dress?

Your first reading of the problem should go something like this:

Tracy wants to buy a dress that costs a certain amount of money. One day she noticed that the dress had been _____ 3 _____ to another amount. She had some money but still not enough. How much more does she need to buy the dress?

(1)

- a. preview
- b. arrangement
- c. mystery
- d. composition
- e. problem

(2)

- a. shoe
- b. wallet
- c. house
- d. coins
- e. currency

(3)

- a. reduced
- b. raised
- c. sold
- d. damaged
- e. tailored