## A Tour of Your Textbook

## Chapter Opener

Each chapter begins with a two-page spread which introduces you to what you will learn in the chapter.

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Study Tool
Each chapter includes a Foldable to help you organize what you are learning and keep track of what you need to work on. Instructions on where and how to record information on the Foldable will help you use it as a study tool.


## Numbered Sections

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.


## Math Link

Each chapter introduces a Math Link that helps you connect math and your own personal experiences. You will often revisit the Math Link at the end of a lesson. This is an opportunity for you to build concepts and understanding. The Wrap It Up! at the end of each chapter gives you an opportunity to demonstrate your understanding of the chapter concepts.


## A three-part lesson follows.

- 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.

- 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.


## Check Your Understanding

- Practise: These are questions to check your knowledge and understanding of what you have learned.
- Apply: In these questions, you need to apply what you have learned to solve problems.
- Extend: These questions may be more challenging and may make connections to other lessons.



## How does MathLinks 8 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 the first time they are used in the chapter. The meaning is given close by in the margin.


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two-term ratio
    compares two
    quantities measured
    in the same units
.in the same units
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A Literacy Link at the beginning of each chapter provides tips to help you read and interpret the chapter content.

Other Literacy Links throughout the chapter assist you in reading and interpreting items in math. These tips will help you in other subjects as well.


## Understanding Concepts

The Explore 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 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.
- Most Examples are followed by a Show You Know. These questions help you check that you understand the skill covered in the Example.

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 begin the Check Your Understanding.

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


## 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 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 one
of two things:

1. It signals where you can use mental math and estimation.
2. It provides useful tips for using mental math and estimation.

## Other Features

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## Subject Links

This feature links the current topic to another subject area.

## Web Links

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To generate tessellations on the computer, go to www.mathlinks8.ca and follow the links.

You can find extra information related to some questions on the Internet. Log on to www.mathlinks8.ca and you will be able to link to recommended Web sites.

## 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, Extend, and Review questions. 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.

