4.4-4.8 Word Problems

5th Grade

Least Common Multiple Word Problems

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ANSWER – 120th customer

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Greatest Common Factor Word Problems

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3 bouquets

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6 inches

Fractions

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7/21 anniversary cards

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8 times

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