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Veterinarians are also scientists who research new ways to keep animals healthy.

Veterinarians go to college for two to four years, and then they go to veterinary school for another four years.

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Dog Heart Rate
Less than 70 – Too slow
70-120 – Normal
121 and higher – Too fast
Can you help Dr. Gruenberg with these milk production questions?

1. Herd 1 has 60 dairy cows. Each cow produces 15,000 pounds of milk in one year. How much total milk does Herd 1 produce in one year?

2. Herd 2 has 10,000 dairy cows. Each cow produces 19,000 pounds of milk in one year. How much total milk does Herd 2 produce in one year?
One dairy cow produces about 20,000 pounds of milk every year!

3. A dairy farmer wants to buy enough cows to produce 300,000 pounds of milk in one year. He finds some cows for sale that produce 17,000 pounds of milk each year. How many cows does he need to buy?

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4. Your friend says that her 5 cows can produce 350,000 pounds of milk each year. Explain why you think she is wrong.

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Math- 5.2.1, 5.2.6; English/Language Arts 5.4.11; Science 5.1.2, 5.2.1
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There are thousands of germs on the dirty feeder. Jessica cleans the feeder and then applies the disinfectant. She waits 10 minutes to let the disinfectant kill the germs. Next, Jessica samples the feeder for germs. Jessica will consider that the disinfectant worked if there are less than 10 germs per square centimeter of the feeder surface. Jessica samples a 10 centimeter long by 5 centimeter wide area of the feeder. To calculate square centimeters, you multiply the length and width of the area sampled.

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Today, Dr. Raskin is looking at blood test results for a litter of puppies that have diarrhea. People and animals that have diarrhea can lose a lot of water from their body and become dehydrated. One test to see if a puppy is dehydrated is to see how much protein is in the puppy’s blood. Too much protein can mean that the puppy is dehydrated. Normal Total Protein for a dog is between 4.8 and 6.9. The test results for 4 puppies are listed below. First, mark the test results on the number lines. Then, mark if the Total Protein is too low, normal, or too high for each puppy.

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The next step is called the hypothesis (hi-pah-thuh-sis). The hypothesis is an educated guess about how things work. For example, if your question is “What will happen if I water this plant once every week for one month?” Your hypothesis might be: “The plant will grow one inch.”

Then, you would do research by watering some plants and not watering other plants. You would measure the plants after one month and write down how tall each plant was.

At the end of your experiment, you would look at your measurements for plants that you watered, and compare them to measurements for plants that you did not water. This is called analyzing your data. You proved your hypothesis if the plants that you watered grew one inch, but the plants that you did not water did not grow one inch.
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7. Purdue University is located in West _______________________ , Indiana.
Dr. Laurent Couëtil grew up in France. He is a veterinarian who specializes in large animal medicine. He uses the scientific method to help animals with breathing problems.

Donna Griffey is from Indiana. She is a registered veterinary technician. She helps Dr. Couëtil and trains horses to run on a treadmill.

Dr. Couëtil is studying ways to treat and prevent “heaves” in horses. Heaves is just like asthma in people. Horses with heaves can cough and have trouble breathing. Dr. Couëtil’s research has the potential to help both horses and people with breathing problems. Today, he is measuring how well horses breathe by watching the horses run on a treadmill. He tests how much oxygen the horses can get into their lungs and blood. He examines two horses. One horse is normal. The other has heaves. The horse with heaves has lower oxygen levels than the normal horse.
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Heaves Results

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Healthy horses can see in almost every direction. However, horses cannot see people standing directly behind them. On the next page are two pictures showing a horse facing the bottom of the page. Follow the directions to mark on the diagram where you would be standing, and if a healthy horse should be able to see you.
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Sometimes animals have to have surgery just like people. The animal is anesthetized during surgery. This means that the animal sleeps through the surgery and can’t feel anything. The animal is watched very closely while it is asleep. Breathing, heart rate, and body temperature are a few of the things that are monitored and recorded during the entire surgery. The normal body temperatures for some animals are listed in degrees Fahrenheit on the next page. Can you convert these temperatures to degrees Celsius?

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Dr. Henry Green grew up in Louisiana. He is a veterinarian that specializes in heart problems. His specialty is called cardiology. In Greek, “kardia” means heart.

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2 bacteria

3. Using your answer for number 2, did the disinfectant work?  
Yes

**Dog Teeth**

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Heaves Results

Horse 2

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Can the horse see you?

1. You start facing the horse and then you move 180 degrees to your left around the circle.
Yes

2. You start facing the horse and then you move 90 degrees to your right around the circle.
No

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Fahrenheit Temperatures to Celsius Temperatures

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Test 1: Color in the sample wells so that 1/3 of the samples show a positive result. What percentage is this? 33.3%

Test 2: Color in the sample wells so that 50% of the samples show a positive result. What fraction is this? 48/96

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