

Mini-Map for M.EE.HS.A.SSE.3

Subject: Mathematics

Algebra—Seeing Structure in Expressions (A.SSE)

Grade: 9

Learning Outcome

DLM Essential Element	Grade-Level Standard	
M.EE.HS.A.SSE.3 Solve simple algebraic equations with one	M.A.SSE.3 Choose and produce an equivalent form of an	
variable using multiplication and division.	expression to reveal and explain properties of the quantity	
	represented by the expression.	

Linkage Level Descriptions

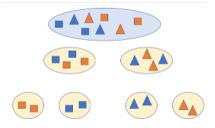
Initial Precursor	Distal Precursor	Proximal Precursor	Target	Successor
Combine two or more	Demonstrate	Determine the	Solve linear equations	Solve linear inequalities
sets of objects or	multiplication by	unknown factor or	with non-negative	in one variable (e.g.,
numbers to form a new	combining multiple sets	product in an equation	rational numbers	2.5 <i>x</i> > 100.25).
set. Divide a set of 10 or	containing the same	involving multiplication	involving addition or	
fewer objects into two	number of objects.	(e.g., 6 x 7 = ?).	subtraction operations	
or more distinct subsets	Communicate	Determine the	in one variable (e.g., 3.3	
(e.g., dividing a set	understanding that the	unknown divisor,	+ x = 8.9).	
containing 10 objects	number of sets times	dividend, or quotient in		
into two subsets	the number of objects	an equation involving		
containing 4 and 6	in each set equals the	division (e.g., 24 ÷ 4 =		
objects).	total number of objects.	?).		
	Demonstrate			
	understanding of			
	division by splitting a			
	set into an equal			
	number of subsets and			
	communicating the			
	quotient as the number			
	of equal subsets (e.g., a			
	set consisting of 15			

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	objects has three			
	subsets, each			
	containing 5 objects).			

Initial Precursor and Distal Precursor Linkage Level Relationships to the Target

How is the Initial Precursor related to the Target?

The knowledge needed to represent equations requires students to manipulate sets (i.e., combining and separating or partitioning). Provide students many opportunities to take a set of objects (e.g., tiles, linking cubes, buttons) and separate them based on a given characteristic (e.g., shape, color, size) into two distinct sets, then separate them again based on another characteristic. Guide students to notice how the set size changes each time you combine or partition the sets.



How is the Distal Precursor related to the Target?

As students' understanding of labeling and counting sets develops, they will begin working on adding items to a set and combining sets to create a new set. Additionally, students will work on developing an understanding of equal shares by actively participating in one-to-one distribution of objects to person (e.g., giving each person in the group two pencils), objects to objects (e.g., given four counters, they would line up four more counters in front of or on top of the first set), and objects to available space (e.g., given three chairs at a table, the student places a cup on the table for each available chair). Students should also experience dividing a whole into equal shares (e.g., having 15 counters and 3 people in the group, give one to each person until there are no more, then count how many each person received).

Instructional Resources

Released Testlets

See the Guide to Practice Activities and Released Testlets.

Using Untested (UN) Nodes

See the document Using Mini-Maps to Plan Instruction.

Link to Text-Only Map

M.EE.HS.A.SSE.3 Solve simple algebraic equations with one variable using multiplication and division.

