

Ben bought 5 smarties and 3 jujubes for 34 cents. Later that day, Zack went into the same store and bought 5 smarties and 8 jujubes and it cost him 49 cents. How much do each smartie and jujube cost?

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{Zack} \quad 5s + 8j = 49 \\
 \text{Ben} \quad - 5s + 3j = 34 \\
 \hline
 \cancel{0}s + 5j = 15 \\
 \frac{5j}{5} = \frac{15}{5} \\
 j = 3
 \end{array}$$

then, if

$$5s + 3j = 34$$

$$5s + 3(3) = 34$$

$$5s + 9 = 34 - 9$$

$$\frac{5s}{5} = \frac{25}{5}$$

$$s = 5$$

but we know

$$j = 3$$

$\therefore$  smarties are 5 cents and jujubes are 3 cents

What have you done to solve for the number of each candy?

Create equations.

Subtract the equations.

(because they bought the same # of smarties)

Solve the following systems using Elimination

$$5x - y = 15$$

$$x + y - 3 = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 5x - y = 15 \\ + \quad x + y = 3 \\ \hline 6x + \cancel{y} = 18 \\ \frac{6x}{6} + \frac{\cancel{y}}{6} = \frac{18}{6} \end{array}$$

$$x = 3$$

$$5(3) - y = 15$$

$$15 - y = 15 \quad -15$$

$$-y = 0$$

$$y = 0$$

### STEPS

① Line up equations

$$\begin{array}{r} -x + y = \# \\ -x - y = \# \end{array}$$

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② Add/Subtract the two equations

③ Solve

④ Sub. your answer into ANY equation

⑤ Solve.

## Solve using Elimination

$$\textcircled{1} (2x + 3y = 6) \times 3$$

$$\textcircled{2} (3x - 2y = 10) \times 2$$

$$\textcircled{1} 6x + 9y = 18$$

$$\textcircled{2} -6x - 4y = 20$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \textcircled{1} 6x + 9y = 18 \\ \textcircled{2} -6x - 4y = 20 \\ \hline \textcircled{1} 13y = -2 \end{array}$$

$$y = -\frac{2}{13}$$

$$2x + 3\left(-\frac{2}{13}\right) = 6$$

$$2x - \frac{6}{13} = 6$$

$$2x = \frac{78}{13} + \frac{6}{13}$$

$$\frac{2x}{2} = \frac{84}{13}$$

$$x = \frac{42}{13}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore (x, y) \\ &= \left(\frac{42}{13}, -\frac{2}{13}\right) \\ &= (3.23, -0.15) \end{aligned}$$

STEPS

1. Make the coefficients of of one variable equal  
(by multiplying equation)
2. Add or subtract the two equations
3. SOLVE
4. Substitute your answer into  $\textcircled{1}$  or  $\textcircled{2}$
5. SOLVE

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