NRICH Short Problems



Units of Measurement

Stage 3 ★ Mixed Selection 2

1. Tummy ache

Timmy, Tammy and Tommy all have tummy ache!

They all set off separately to visit their doctor, leaving their homes at exactly the same time.

Timmy cycles the 8 km to the surgery at an average speed of 20 km/hr.

Tammy walks the 1.2 km to the surgery at an average speed of 4 km/hr.

Tommy drives the 16.5 km to the surgery at an average speed of 45 km/hr.

In what order do they arrive at the surgery?

2. Hiking the hill

Sarah walks uphill at an average of 2 miles per hour, and downhill at an average of 4 miles per hour. She goes for a 6 mile hike up a hill, and then returns downhill by the same route.

What is Sarah's average speed in miles per hour for the whole journey?

3. Travelling by train

Stephen leaves Middlesborough by train at 09:00. The train travels the first 27 km at 96 km per hour. It then stops at Darlington for 3 minutes, before travelling the remaining 29 km to Durham at the same speed.

At what time does Stephen arrive in Durham?

4. Turbo tortoise

Harriet Hare and Turbo Tortoise want to cross the finish line together on their 12 mile woodland race. Turbo sets off at 8:15 am and trots at a constant speed of 4 mph. Given that Harriet runs at a constant speed of 8 mph, at what time should she set off?

These problems are adapted from UKMT Mathematical Challenge problems (ukmt.org.uk)