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1. Maggie buys a book for \$9.95. Jeff buys a pair of socks for \$7.45. How much more money does Maggie spend than Jeff?

2.  $\frac{3}{8} + \frac{1}{2} =$

3. Write an expression for the calculation add 3 and 8 and then multiply by 9.

4.  $46 \times 15 =$

5. Complete the table.

	Add 1	Add 3
7	8	10
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6.  $20 \times 10^5 =$

7. Write 1.08 in word form.

8. Write  $<$ ,  $>$ , or  $=$  to make the statement true.

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9. Round 93.0129 to the nearest thousandth.

10.  $240 \div 6 =$

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## The Oak Tree and the Reeds

A mighty oak tree grew along a riverbank. Its trunk was thick, and its branches reached upward into the sky. It towered proudly above a patch of reeds that grew below it along the edge of the water.

On most days, a breeze blew across the river. The leaves of the mighty oak danced, but its branches held firmly in place. The oak laughed at the reeds because the wind was not so kind to them. The reeds trembled and shook as they struggled to stand up straight. But, the reeds did not mind the laughter of the oak; after all, the tree was so much bigger and stronger.

One day, a terrible hurricane approached the river. Its violent winds pulled up the roots of the mighty oak and tossed it to the ground. When the storm was over, the great tree lay in the patch of reeds.

The oak spoke sadly, "The strong winds were able to pick me up and throw me to the ground like a stick. Yet you reeds were able to stay rooted even though you are much smaller. How could this be?"

One reed spoke. "We may be small, but we know how to bend, whether the wind blows gently or violently. You, mighty oak, were too proud and did not know how to bend."

1. By reading the title, do you think this is one of Aesop's fables? \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. What types of objects are the two characters in this fable? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. How is the oak tree different from the reeds? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. What is the lesson of this fable?
  - A. It can be better to be flexible than to be strong.
  - B. It is OK to laugh at those smaller than you.
  - C. Stay out of the way of a hurricane.
  
5. How might a nonfiction article describe the differences between an oak tree and reeds differently from this fable? \_\_\_\_\_  
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