**WORD PROBLEMS: LINEAR EQUATIONS.**

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Find the original dimensions of the field.

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If 5 chocolate shakes and 3 fruit smoothies cost $30, find the cost of a

smoothie.

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**Applications. Linear equations ANSWERS**

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***Let speed for 1st 3 hours be v km/h so distance = speed × time = 3v***

***Distance for 2nd 2 hours = 2(v – 10 )***

***Total dist = 2v – 20 + 3v = 250***

***5v = 270***

***v = 54 km/h***

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***Let my age = x so son is x – 31***

***When I am x + 1 his age is x – 30 and is ¼ of my current age = x/4***

***x = x – 30***

***4***

***x = 4x – 120***

***120 = 3x***

***x = 40***

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***Length = x width = x – 12 so perimeter = 2(2x – 12) = 4x – 24***

***If length = x + 30 and width = x + 18 perimeter = 2(2x + 48) = 4x + 96***

***If this is doubled then***

***4x + 96 = 2(4x – 24)***

***4x + 96 = 8x – 48***

***144 = 4x***

***x = 36 m***

***length = 36 m, width = 24 m***

4. A chocolate shake costs $2 less than a smoothie. 5 chocolate shakes and 3 fruit smoothies cost $30. Find the cost of a smoothie.

***Let choc shake costs x, smoothie costs x + 2***

***5x + 3(x + 2) = 30***

***8x + 6 = 30***

***8x = 24***

***x = 3 choc shake = $3 smoothie = $5***

5. If Jo walks 6km at *x* km/h and 10 km at (*2x*) km/hour her journey takes a total of 2 hours. Form an equation and use it to solve it to find *x*.

***Time = 6 + 10 = 2 so 6 + 5 = 2***

***x 2x x x***

***so 11 = 2 so x = 11 = 5.5 km/h***

***x 2***