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# **Student Task Statements**

**Lesson 9: Using the Partial Quotients Method** 

9.1: Using Base-Ten Diagrams to Calculate Quotients

Elena used base-ten diagrams to find  $372 \div 3$ . She started by representing 372.



She made 3 groups, each with 1 hundred. Then, she put the tens and ones in each of the 3 groups. Here is her diagram for  $372 \div 3$ .



Discuss with a partner:

- Elena's diagram for 372 has 7 tens. The one for 372 ÷ 3 has only 6 tens. Why?
- Where did the extra ones (small squares) come from?



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## 9.2: Using the Partial Quotients Method to Calculate Quotients

1. Andre calculated  $657 \div 3$  using a method that was different from Elena's.

He started by writing the dividend (657) and the divisor (3).	He then subtracted 3 groups of different amounts from 657, starting with 3 groups of 200	then 3 groups of 10, and then 3 groups of 9.	Andre calculated 200 + 10 + 9 and then wrote 219.
	of 200		2 1 9
		9	9
		1 0	1 0
	200	200	2 0 0
3 / 6 5 7	3 / 6 5 7	3 / 6 5 7	3 / 6 5 7
	-600	-600	-600
	5 7	5 7	5 7
		- 3 0	- 3 0
		2 7	2 7
		- 2 7	- 2 7
		0	0

- a. Andre subtracted 600 from 657. What does the 600 represent?
- b. Andre wrote 10 above the 200, and then subtracted 30 from 57. How is the 30 related to the 10?
- c. What do the numbers 200, 10, and 9 represent?
- d. What is the meaning of the 0 at the bottom of Andre's work?
- 2. How might Andre calculate  $896 \div 4$ ? Explain or show your reasoning.



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# 9.3: What's the Quotient?

1. Find the quotient of  $1,332 \div 9$  using one of the methods you have seen so far. Show your reasoning.

- 2. Find each quotient and show your reasoning. Use the partial quotients method at least once.
  - a. 1, 115 ÷ 5
  - b. 665 ÷ 7
  - c. 432 ÷ 16



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### **Lesson 9 Summary**

We can find the quotient  $345 \div 3$  in different ways.

One way is to use a base-ten diagram to represent the hundreds, tens, and ones and to create equal-sized groups.



We can think of the division by 3 as splitting up 345 into 3 equal groups.



Each group has 1 hundred, 1 ten, and 5 ones, so  $345 \div 3 = 115$ . Notice that in order to split 345 into 3 equal groups, one of the tens had to be unbundled or decomposed into 10 ones.



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Another way to divide 345 by 3 is by using the partial quotients method, in which we keep subtracting 3 groups of some amount from 345.

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	1 1	5		1 1 5
		5		5 0
	1	0		5 0
	1 0	0		1 5
3 /	34	5	-	3 / 3 4 5
_	3 0	0	← 3 groups of 100	- 4 5 ← 3 groups of 15
	4	5	-	300
-	3	0	← 3 groups of 10	− 1 5 0 ← 3 groups of 50
	1	5	-	1 5 0
	- 1	5	← 3 groups of 5	− 1 5 0 ← 3 groups of 50
		0	-	0

- In the calculation on the left, first we subtract 3 groups of 100, then 3 groups of 10, and then 3 groups of 5. Adding up the partial quotients (100 + 10 + 5) gives us 115.
- The calculation on the right shows a different amount per group subtracted each time (3 groups of 15, 3 groups of 50, and 3 more groups of 50), but the total amount in each of the 3 groups is still 115. There are other ways of calculating 345 ÷ 3 using the partial quotients method.

Both the base-ten diagrams and partial quotients methods are effective. If, however, the dividend and divisor are large, as in 1, 248  $\div$  26, then the base-ten diagrams will be time-consuming.

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