

Appendix 15A: Grade 4 Mathematics Item Descriptions Developed During the TIMSS 2019 Benchmarking

Items at Low International Benchmark (400)

Number	
N01_02	Solves a word problem involving subtraction of a one-digit number from a two-digit number
N01_05	Multiplies a one-digit number by a two-digit number
N03_01	Orders four three-digit numbers
N03_02	Solves a word problem involving division of a two-digit number by a one-digit number
N03_03A	Identifies the largest of four three-digit numbers in context
N05_01	Identifies a four-digit number represented in words
N07_03	Solves a word problem involving subtraction of a one-digit number from a three-digit number
N07_04	Writes a number between two two-digit numbers
N09_02	Solves a word problem involving addition of two two-digit numbers
N11_02	Solves a word problem involving addition of two- and three-digit numbers
N11_04	Multiplies a three-digit number by a one-digit number
N12_01	Identifies the smallest of four four-digit numbers
N12_02	Identifies a multiple of a one-digit number
N13_01	Adds two two-digit numbers
N13_02	Divides a two-digit number by a one-digit number
N14_01	Supplies one factor of a two-digit number (1 of 2 points)

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N04_02	Divides a two-digit number by a one-digit number with a remainder
N07_02	Multiplies a one-digit number by a two-digit number
N04_04	Implements a one-step rule to generate the next number in a pattern
N07_07	Finds the missing term in an addition number sentence
N12_05	Identifies the missing term in an addition sentence
N12_06	Implements a one-step rule forward and in reverse to partially complete a table (1 of 2 points)
N14_04	Solves for the missing number in a multiplication sentence
N14_05	Identifies the operation for an expression that represents a situation
N01_07	Writes a fraction larger than a given unit fraction
N03_06	Recognizes a unit fraction represented pictorially
N04_07	Solves a word problem involving addition of one-place decimals
N09_08	Recognizes a non-unit fraction represented pictorially
Measurement and Geometry	
N03_09	Solves a word problem involving addition of three one-digit numbers
M03_10	Relates a specified face of a cube to its net
N01_08	Identifies a cylinder
N03_08	Writes the names of four common two-dimensional shapes
N05_10	Completes a rectangle on a square grid
N11_11A	Identifies the tallest of four rectangular prisms represented pictorially

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N12_10	Completes a symmetric figure on a square grid given half the shape and the line of symmetry
N14_09	Determines the number of lateral faces of a given rectangular prism
N09_10	Identifies a cube
N11_11B	Identifies the greatest volume of four rectangular prisms represented pictorially
Data	
M08_12	Labels bars on a bar graph to represent data given in a table
M10_11	Represents data from a table in a bar graph
N01_04A	Reads data from a bar graph
N04_13	Represents data from a table in a bar graph (1 of 2 points)
N04_14	Evaluates statements about data in a pictograph (1 of 2 points)
N05_05A	Reads data from a table
N05_05B	Compares data presented in a table
N07_05	Uses data from a table to complete a bar graph (2 of 2 points)
N07_05	Uses data from a table to partially complete a bar graph (1 of 2 points)
N13_04A	Reads data from a bar graph
N14_13A	Reads data from a table
N13_04B	Compares data presented on a bar graph

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Items at Intermediate International Benchmark (475)

Number

M02_01	Identifies a three-digit number given the place values of two of its digits
M05_01	Adds a four-digit and a three-digit number
M06_02	Divides a three-digit number by a one-digit number
M09_02	Determines a four-digit number given the place values of the digits
M11_03	Multiplies a one-digit number by a three-digit number
M12_01	Identifies a four-digit number given in words in expanded form
N01_01	Subtracts a two-digit number from a three-digit number
N01_03	Determines a four-digit number given the values of two of its digits
N03_03B	Justifies the greatest number if one of four numbers is increased by 100
N05_02	Solves a two-step word problem involving subtraction of one- and two-digit numbers
N05_03	Solves a word problem involving division of a two-digit number by a one-digit number
N07_06	Finds the missing term in an addition word problem
N09_04	Determines the smallest 3-digit number with three given digits
N12_04	Solves a multi-step word problem involving multiplication of one-digit numbers and comparison of two-digit numbers
N13_03	Compares representations of a value in numbers and in words and explains answer
N13_05	Solves a multi-step word problem involving addition and subtraction of one- and two-digit numbers and explains answer
M03_01	Identifies a four-digit number given in expanded form

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M04_01	Subtracts a three-digit number from a four-digit number
N11_06	Solves a multi-step word problem involving multiplication of one-digit numbers and addition of two-digit numbers
M09_01	Adds a four-digit, three-digit, and two-digit number
N03_05	Solves a word problem involving subtraction of one- and two-digit numbers
N04_01	Solves a word problem involving subtraction of two three-digit numbers
N07_01	Solves a word problem involving multiplication of one- and two-digit numbers
N09_01	Subtracts a two-digit number from a three-digit number
N09_03	Solves a word problem involving multiplication of one- and two-digit numbers
N11_01	Identifies a four-digit number given the digits in two places
N11_03	Divides a two-digit number by a one-digit number with a remainder
M04_03	Identifies the missing number in two number sentences with inequalities
M13_05	Solves for the missing number in a subtraction sentence
N04_06	Identifies an expression with addition and subtraction that represents a situation
N09_06	Determines the missing number in a well defined number pattern
N12_06	Implements a one-step rule forward and in reverse to complete a table (2 of 2 points)
M11_06	Determines the operation to complete a number sentence
N05_04	Identifies an arithmetic operation that represents a situation
N11_05	Identifies an expression that represents a situation
N05_07	Supplies a fraction larger than one half

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N05_08	Orders two decimals and a whole number
N13_07	Solves a word problem involving addition of decimals
M01_02	Identifies the representation of a non-unit fraction

Measurement and Geometry

M08_06	Measures the vertical height of an object with a ruler
N04_08	Solves a multi-step word problem involving multiplication and addition of mass
N05_11	Determines the number of unit cubes to fill a rectangular prism
N05_12	Solves a word problem involving addition of hours and minutes
N13_10	Determines the perimeter of a triangle given the side lengths
N13_11	Solves a word problem involving addition of hours and minutes
N14_08	Identifies the appropriate metric unit of volume for an object
N03_10	Solves a word problem involving subtraction of hours and minutes
N09_09	Identifies the appropriate metric unit of measurement for an object
M01_07	Identifies the number of triangular faces in a given three-dimensional shape
M02_09	Completes a symmetric figure on a square grid given half the shape and the line of symmetry
N13_08	Identifies a square
M01_06B	Identifies a street perpendicular to a given street
N05_09	Identifies a shape with equal angles
N07_10	Identifies a common shape inside another common shape

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Data

M01_09A	Identifies the greatest value in a bar graph
M02_10A	Reads data from a line graph
M10_12A	Represents data in a table
M12_10	Identifies a title and axis labels for a bar graph
M13_10A	Reads data from a graph
N04_12	Reads data from a tally chart
N04_13	Represents data from a table in a bar graph (2 of 2 points)
N14_12	Labels a bar on a bar graph given data in a tally chart
M14_10	Solves a word problem involving reading data from a table
N12_11	Reads data from a table
N12_12A	Identifies the label for a bar in a bar graph given the data in a table
N14_11	Reads data from a table
M04_12	Determines one or two out of three missing values in a table given conditions for the data (1 of 2 points)
N09_05	Uses data from a bar graph to solve a problem

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Items at High International Benchmark (550)

Number

M01_01	Identifies the set of numbers having a given number as a factor
M02_02	Solves a word problem involving division of a two-digit number by a one-digit number
M03_02	Multiplies a two-digit number by a two-digit number
M05_02	Identifies the number closest in size to a given four-digit number
M05_03	Solves a word problem involving division
M06_01	Classifies two- and three-digit numbers as even or odd
M06_03	Devises one way of grouping objects that satisfy two conditions (1 of 2 points)
M07_01	Solves a multi-step word problem involving multiplication and addition of whole numbers
M07_03	Solves a word problem involving multiplication of two-digit numbers
M08_01	Solves a word problem involving division of a two-digit number by a one-digit number with a remainder
M08_02	Solves a word problem involving subtraction of a two-digit number from a four-digit number
M09_03	Devises one way to allocate money in a given context (1 of 2 points)
M10_02	Solves a word problem involving multiplication of a three-digit number by a one-digit number
M11_01	Rounds a four-digit number to the thousands place
M11_04	Solves a problem set in a novel situation involving addition and comparison of whole numbers and justifies the solution
M11_09	Given two positions on a curved path, follows specified moves and labels another position (1 of 2 points)
M12_02	Solves a word problem involving addition of one-, two-, and three-digit numbers

M13_03	Identifies a true statement about comparison of two- and three-digit numbers
M03_09	Finds the distance between two positions on a number line
M11_02	Identifies a number that satisfies two conditions of multiples
M09_08	Finds the halfway point between two positions on a number line
M14_02	Solves a word problem involving subtraction of two three-digit numbers
M01_05	Follows a two-step rule to extend a number pattern
M03_06	Solves for a repeated missing number in a subtraction sentence
M06_06	Determines the operation to complete a number sentence with operations on both sides
M06_07	Identifies an expression that represents a situation
M07_05	Solves a number sentence involving division
M08_03	Determines the place of three numbers in a number sentence with operations on both sides
M09_06	Identifies an expression that represents a situation
M12_04A	Implements a two-step arithmetic rule to a given number
M13_02	Determines whether three pairs of numbers follow a given two-step rule
M13_07	Follows a two-step rule to generate the next number in a pattern
M14_03	Identifies an expression with multiplication and subtraction that represents a situation
M14_04	Determines the one-step rule that relates five numbers in a pattern
M02_04	Identifies the operation for an expression that represents a situation
M03_07	Identifies an expression that represents a situation

M01_04A Solves a word problem involving rectangular representations of fractions

M01_04B Solves a word problem involving rectangular representations of fractions

M06_04 Solves a word problem involving subtraction of a non-unit fraction from 1

M07_06 Adds a whole number and a two-place decimal

M09_05 Solves a word problem involving subtracting one-place decimals

M14_05 Solves a word problem involving addition of three two-place decimals

Measurement and Geometry

M02_06 Identifies the appropriate metric unit of measurement for three objects

M04_06A Solves a word problem involving multiplication of lengths

M05_04 Solves a word problem involving addition of time

M05_11 Solves a problem by filling a three-dimensional shape with rectangular solids

M14_07 Solves a word problem involving conversion of minutes to hours

M10_06 Estimates the total length of an object given the length of part of it

M12_06 Estimates the length of an object given the length of another object

M11_08 Classifies angle types in a figure

M12_05 Identifies a pair of shapes that make a rectangle

M13_09 Identifies a two-dimensional view of an irregular three-dimensional figure

M14_09 Completes a shape on a square grid to satisfy four conditions

M05_08 Identifies a shape with a right angle

M07_09 Identifies the two-dimensional view of a three-dimensional object

M09_09 Identifies a solid given two faces

Data

M02_11 Represents data from a table in a pictograph

M04_10B Compares data in a table

M05_12 Completes a bar graph using information from a pictograph

M07_12 Identifies a pie chart that has the same information as a bar graph

M08_11 Determines whether questions can be answered with data in a table

M08_13 Determines the key for a pictograph and uses it to complete the graph (1 of 2 points)

M10_10A Reads data from a line graph

M11_11A Uses a key to retrieve data from a pictograph

M12_09A Uses a key to retrieve data from a pictograph

M12_11 Labels sections of a pie chart given three conditions for the data

M14_11A Evaluates statements about data in a bar graph

M14_13 Completes a table for a given data series

M06_11 Identifies a pie chart that represents given data

M07_11 Uses information from a bar graph to solve a problem

M10_10B Extrapolates a point on a line graph with constant slope

M10_12B Interprets data in a table to solve a problem

M13_10B Extrapolates from a graph to solve a problem

Items at Advanced International Benchmark (625)

Number	
M01_03	Solves a multi-step problem involving division and gives a reason for their answer
M03_03	Solves a multi-step word problem involving addition and subtraction of two- and three-digit numbers
M04_02	Determines a number that meets two conditions of multiples and one condition of order
M06_03	Devises two ways of grouping objects that satisfy two conditions (2 of 2 points)
M09_03	Devises two ways to allocate money in a given context (2 of 2 points)
M10_03	Solves a multi-step word problem involving division of one- and two-digit numbers with remainders
M11_09	Given two positions on a curved path, follows specified moves and labels another position (2 of 2 points)
M13_01	Recognizes equivalent three-digit numbers written in expanded form
M14_01	Divides a three-digit number by a one-digit number
M09_07	Identifies the missing number in a number sentence with operations on both sides
M12_04B	Implements a two-step rule in reverse to generate the previous number in a pattern
M13_06	Identifies an operation that represents a situation
M04_04	Identifies an expression with division and addition that represents a situation
M10_04	Solves a word problem by extending a pattern
M11_07	Identifies number sentence that represents a situation
M02_03	Identifies non-unit fractions greater than a given unit fraction
M03_04	Solves a problem to identify a fraction that represents the shaded portion of a figure

M03_05	Solves a word problem involving division with a remainder (1 of 2 points)
M05_05	Identifies a fraction equivalent to a given fraction
M05_06	Solves a multi-step problem involving fractions
M06_05	Draws a complete shape on a grid given a picture of a fraction of the shape
M07_02	Identifies a fraction equivalent to a one place decimal
M08_05	Identifies a decimal given the place values of two of its digits
M10_05	Identifies the larger number among pairs of one- and two-place decimals
M11_05	Solves a word problem involving adding fractions with different denominators
M13_04	Identifies a number between a one-place decimal and two-place decimal
M07_04	Identifies a set of objects with a given fraction shaded
Measurement and Geometry	
M02_08	Determines the number of three different shapes that cover the area of a square (2 of 2 points)
M02_08	Determines the number of two different shapes that cover the area of a square (1 of 2 points)
M04_06B	Solves a word problem involving division of lengths
M05_10	Reads a ruler to find the length of one side of an equilateral triangle and finds its perimeter
M06_08	Reads a ruler to find the length of a line segment beginning and ending at half-units
M07_07	Reads a ruler to find the length of an object beginning at a half-unit
M08_07	Solves a word problem involving subtraction of volumes
M08_10	Determines two sides lengths of a hexagon given the other four side lengths and its perimeter

M10_07	Draws a rectangle with a given perimeter on a square grid
M10_09	Solves a multi-step word problem involving multiplication and division of lengths, with a remainder (1 of 2 points)
M12_07	Determines the number of unit cubes to fill a rectangular prism and explains method (2 of 2 points)
M12_07	Determines the number of unit cubes to fill a rectangular prism and explains method (1 of 2 points)
M12_08	Measures a horizontal object with a ruler and applies a scale to determine its length
M14_06	Identifies the speed shown on a speedometer
M02_07	Solves a multi-step word problem involving multiplication and division of weights
M04_05	Estimates the height of an object given the height of another object
M04_07	Determines the weight of an object given a series of three balanced scales
M07_10	Finds the area of a rectangle given its dimensions
M08_08	Analyzes information in a time table to solve a word problem
M14_08	Identifies the area of a rectangle drawn at an angle on a square grid
M03_08	Identifies parallel lines on a geometric shape
M04_08	Draws a line on a square grid that is parallel to a given line and passes through a specified point
M04_09	Identifies properties of two pentagons
M06_09	Recognizes acute angles in an irregular quadrilateral
M06_10	Determines the number of square and triangular faces of three-dimensional shapes (2 of 2 points)
M06_10	Determines the number of square and triangular faces of three-dimensional shapes (1 of 2 points)
M07_08	Given a line, draws another line to form an angle less than a right angle

M09_10A Draws a parallel line on a square grid given conditions

M13_08 Draws an obtuse angle on a square grid given one side

M01_06A Identifies a street parallel to a given street

M05_09 Identifies a shape that has both line and rotational symmetry

M11_10 Identifies a net of a hexagonal prism

Data

M02_12 Determines the y-axis scale for a bar graph given the data in a table

M03_11 Represents data from a table in a pie chart

M08_13 Determines the key for a pictograph and uses it to complete the graph (2 of 2 points)

M14_12 Identifies the optimal data display for data given in a table

M01_09B Interprets a bar graph to solve a two-step problem

M04_12 Determines three missing values in a table given conditions for the data (2 of 2 points)

M11_11B Uses information in a pictograph to solve a problem

M12_09B Uses data from a pictograph to solve a problem

M12_12 Compares the slope of two lines on a graph for a specific period and explains answer

M14_11B Uses data from a bar graph to determine whether a conclusion is true and explains answer.

Items Above Advanced International Benchmark (625)

Number

M02_05	Solves a multi-step word problem involving unit price (2 of 2 points)
M02_05	Solves a multi-step word problem involving unit price (1 of 2 points)
M09_04	Determines the missing digit for a two-digit number that satisfies two conditions
M08_04	Solves a word problem by implementing a one-step rule to generate numbers in a pattern
M03_05	Solves a word problem involving division with a remainder and justifies the solution (2 of 2 points)
M12_03	Adds a one-place decimal and a two-place decimal

Measurement and Geometry

M10_09	Solves a multi-step word problem involving multiplication and division of lengths, with a remainder (2 of 2 points)
M01_08	Identifies a net of a given object
M05_07	Identifies a rule to sort shapes into two sets
M09_10B	Draws a perpendicular line on a square grid given conditions
M10_08	Identifies properties of a parallelogram and a rectangle

Data

M04_11	Analyzes data in two bar graphs to refute a conclusion
M08_14	Represents data from a table in a line graph (2 of 2 points)
M08_14	Represents data from a table in a line graph (1 of 2 points)