Puzzle Talk - Grade 5 Unit Multiplication on the Number Line (Level 1)



These facilitation suggestions are what a student-led discussion might look like when looking at puzzles in Level 1. Depending on how students respond, it likely would take one session for Level 1.

Description	•	 Puzzle Location: Grade 5 > Multiplying Fractions > Unit Multiplication on the Number Line > Level 1 Topic: Find the product of fractions and graph on a number line Purpose of the Puzzle Talk: Focus on student thinking and developing problem solving skills using guiding questions for each step in the Problem Solving Process Preparation: View the <u>Game in a Minute</u> video. Gather Materials: Provide students with a <u>0-5 Number Line Math Mat</u>, fraction manipulatives, whiteboards, and a dry-erase marker with an eraser 	$6 \times \frac{1}{4}$ $\underbrace{6}_{1}$ $\underbrace{7}_{1}$ $\underbrace{7}_{2}$ $\underbrace{7}_{2}$ $\underbrace{7}_{3}$ $\underbrace{6 \times \frac{1}{4}}{4}$ $\underbrace{7}_{2}$ $\underbrace{7}_{3}$ $\underbrace{6 \times \frac{1}{4}}{4}$	
	Notice and Wonder	 Display the first puzzle from Level 1. Ask: "What do you notice about this puzzle? What do you wonder about this puzzle?" Allow students to share out. 		
	Predict and Justify	 Ask students to think individually about how they could solve the puzzle, then turn and share with a partner before sharing as a class. Have students use the 0-5 Number Line Math Mat and work with a partner to use their math tools and determine where to place JiJi's launch pad. Have partners share their strategies and list these ideas for the class to consider. 		
	Test and Observe	 Select one of the pairs' strategies. Before trying the strategy, have students describe what they think will happen in the feedback animation. Ask: "What size jumps do they think JiJi will make?" Solve the puzzle and have students describe what happened. 		
	Analyze and Learn	 Ask students to think about how what they saw happen compares to their prediction. Replay the puzzle and pause the animation. Discuss the puzzle by asking questions such as: "What is happening in this equation?" "What size are the jumps JiJi makes?" "How many jumps does JiJi make?" (e.g., 6 x ¼ would represent 6 groups of ¼ or 6 jumps of ¼ each.) Ask students how they would represent the feedback in this puzzle using repeated addition. As you engage students in discussion, help connect the whole number times a fraction repeated addition sentence (e.g., ¼ + ¼ + ¼ + ¼ + ¼ + ¼ + ¼) to a whole number multiplication repeated addition sentence (e.g., 6 x 3 would be 3 + 3 + 3 + 3 + 3 + 3). Say to students: "This equation represents groups of" (e.g., 6 groups of 3) Repeat with additional puzzles in Level 1. 		