Transitioning to Operations In Word Problems Worksheet and Lesson

Match the description with the right number sentence.

Mark cuts three 30 cm pieces of cloth from a 1 meter long cloth. Which calculation tells you about the piece that is left?

1	(100 – 30) x 3
2	100 x 3 -30
3	100 – 30 x 3



Solution:

- **Step 1** One meter equals 100 cm.
- **Step 2** Three 30 cm pieces $= 30 \times 3 \text{ cm}$
- **Step 3** Subtract 30 x 3 from 100 = $100 30 \times 3 \text{ cm}$
- **Step 4** Therefore, answer is = 10 cm
- Answer: $100 30 \times 3 = 10 \text{ cm}$

Practice problems.

Stephen walks 20 meters towards North from a point. He turns back and takes 3 steps of 1 meter each. Which calculation shows the distance from the initial point?

1

2

20 –	(3 x 1)
(20 -	- 3) x 1
(20 x	(3) -1

A small box contains 10 balls. Three small boxes are put into a large box of three times as much capacity. If 3 balls are withdrawn from the large box, which calculation shows the number of balls in the large box?

(10 x 3) - 3
10 – 3 x 3
10 -3 - 3