

Lesson 10: Drawings, Situations, and Diagrams, Oh My!

Standards Alignments

Addressing 3.OA.A, 3.OA.A.1

Building Towards 3.OA.A.1

Teacher-facing Learning Goals

- Interpret a situation involving equal groups and represent it with a diagram.
- Make sense of tape diagrams that represent multiplication.

Student-facing Learning Goals

- Let's represent equal groups.

Lesson Purpose

The purpose of this lesson is for students to connect situations involving equal groups to tape diagrams.

This lesson introduces tape diagrams as a way to represent equal groups and multiplication, building on students' work with scaled picture graphs and discrete drawings of equal groups. Students deepen their understanding of multiplication as they connect tape diagrams to situations that involve equal groups. They are then introduced to multiplication **expressions** as a way to represent the quantities and situations encountered in the lesson. This happens at the end to allow students to work with other representations of multiplication before they learn about abstract symbols that represent multiplication.

Access for:

Students with Disabilities

- Engagement (Activity 2)

English Learners

- MLR8 (Activity 1)

Instructional Routines

Card Sort (Activity 2), Notice and Wonder (Warm-up)

Materials to Copy

- Card Sort Equal Groups (groups of 2): Activity 2

Lesson Timeline

Warm-up	10 min
Activity 1	15 min
Activity 2	20 min
Lesson Synthesis	10 min
Cool-down	5 min

Teacher Reflection Question

How did connecting different representations of multiplication during the card sort support students in developing their understanding of multiplication?

Cool-down (to be completed at the end of the lesson)

🕒 5 min

Boxes of Shirts

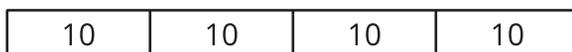
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Student-facing Task Statement

The store has 4 boxes. Each box has 10 shirts in it.

Does this diagram match the situation? Explain your reasoning.

**Student Responses**

Yes, because the 4 parts represent the 4 boxes and the 10 in each part represents the 10 shirts in each box.