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exactly $\frac{2}{3}$ of the stairs. Then, she goes back down exactly $\frac{1}{2}$ of the way to the bottom. From that spot, she climbs exactly $\frac{2}{3}$ of the way to the top. Finally, from there, she climbs 6 stairs to reach the top. How many stairs are in the staircase?

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3D METHOD 1: *Strategy: Draw a diagram.*

Draw 24 boxes to represent the students. Put N in 2 boxes to represent those who like neither. Then put V in the next 18 boxes to represent those who like video games.

Ν	N	V	V	V	V	V	V
V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
V	V	V	V				

Now, starting at the end of the list of boxes, put **M** in 15 boxes to represent those who like to go to the movies.

Ν	N	V	V	V	V	V	V
V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
	М	M	М	M	М	М	М
V	V	V	V	N.4	N.4	N.4	N.4
Μ	М	М	М		IVI	IVI	IVI

Count the boxes with both V and M in them. **11 students like both**.

METHOD 2: <u>Strategy</u>: Use reasoning.

Ignore the 2 students who liked neither. The remaining 22 students liked at least 1 of the activities. If the number who liked video games and the number who liked movies are added, the total, 33, is greater than the 22 students who liked one or more of them. Some of the students must have been counted twice. These are the students who liked both. 33 - 22 = 11 students like both.

Follow UP: Suppose in the given problem students are also asked whether they like to play basketball. One liked none of the 3, one liked movies and basketball but not video games, four liked movies and video games but not basketball and two liked video games only. How many *liked basketball?* [14]

3E *Strategy: Consider possibilities.*

First, note that both the 8 and the 9 must be a part of the sum, with one of these as the hundreds digit. (We might think to try the only place an 8 or a 9 could go in the missing addend - and 8 in the tens place - to get 567+38 = 94. But this does not continue to work.) Next, we must consider how the 1 is used.

Case 1: 567 + ____1 = 9__8 (but this always fails in the ten's place).

Case 2: 567 + __1_ = 98__ (but the unit's digit carrying is impossible here, as only the numbers 2, 3 and 4 are available to use in the blanks).

Case 3: 567 + __4__ = __1__ (but the unit's digit carrying is impossible here too. as only the numbers 2, 3 and 4 are available to use in the blanks and using the 9 in the ones place yields a 6 in the sum, but 6 was already used.). C 1.

Because of the units digit carrying, we must get that **567 + 324 = 891**.

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4D *Strategy: First find the greatest possible number that can fit.*

The area of the screen is $8 \times 8 = 64$ sq units and each piece has an area of 5 sq units. $64 \div 5 = 12$ R 4, so no more than 12 pieces can be placed on the screen. To see whether 12 pieces can actually fit, place them as compactly as possible. For example, use one of each kind of piece to cover 15 of the 16 squares in a 4×4 screen.



The 8 \times 8 screen can be divided into four 4 \times 4 regions and this arrangement can be placed in each of them as shown below.

The greatest number of pieces Jen can place on the screen is 12.

4E METHOD 1: <u>Strategy</u>: Draw a diagram to show each action Lara takes. Lara climbs exactly $\frac{2}{3}$ of the steps.

Then she goes back down exactly $\frac{1}{2}$ of the steps she just climbed. $\frac{1}{2}$ of $\frac{2}{3} = \frac{1}{3}$.

From that spot, she climbs exactly $\frac{2}{3}$ of the steps above her $\frac{2}{3}$ of $\frac{2}{3} = \frac{4}{9}$.

From there, she climbs 6 stairs to reach the top. Those 6 steps equal $\frac{2}{9}$ of the staircase.

Therefore, $\frac{1}{9}$ of the staircase = 3 steps and $\frac{9}{9}$ (the whole staircase) = 27 steps. **There are 27 stairs in the staircase**.

METHOD 2: <u>Strategy</u>: Guess and check; make a chart. The number of steps has to be divisible by 3 and 9, and greater than 9.

Guess	After 1st Climb	After 1st Return (1/2 way)	Steps Remaining	2/3 of Remaining Steps	6 More Steps
18	Step 12	Step 6	12	Step 14	20 (Too Many)
27	Step 18	Step 9	18	Step 21	Step 27



Olympiad 5, Continued

