GRAFFITI ARTIST

KEY CONCEPTS

- ★ Solving time problems involving passage of time
- ★ Addition of simple times using 24-hour time
- * Representing time on a time line

USEFUL RESOURCES

Clocks (digital and/or analogue), pencils and paper

STEP 1: THE PROBLEM

There are three suspects with alibis, but who is the graffiti artist?

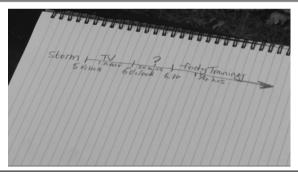


Key questions

- · When did the graffiti happen?
- Ben lives 10 minutes from the shop so how much time would he need if he did the graffiti?
- If it was 17:30, what time would that be in 12-hour time?
- · Between what times did David do his homework?
- How could you keep track of who was where when?

STEP 2: REFLECTION

Angel suggests to James that he use a time line



Key questions (based on student solutions)

- · Which strategies do you like best? Why?
- Which strategy makes it easy to see who the culprit is?
- · Why is it so clear?
- · What strategies do Angel and James Pond use?
- · How are they similar to the ones that you used?

STEP 3: THE CHALLENGE

The shopkeeper's watch is slow. Did he find the right suspect?



Key questions

- If the shopkeeper's watch is running half an hour slow, what time is he actually away from the shop?
- Do you need to completely redo the solution or can you use some of the information you already have?
- · Will you use a different strategy this time or a the same one? Why?

Graffiti artist clues:

Graffiti done between 18:00 and 18:45 and took 20 minutes.

Storm lives 10 minutes from the shop:

- watched TV until 17:30 for half an hour
- ate dinner with Mum for 10 minutes, then left for footy training around the corner from the shop
- arrived at 18:45 and trained for an hour

Ben lives 5 minutes from the shop:

- was at footy training until 18:30
- ate dinner at 19:00 and then watched TV all evening

David lives 10 minutes from the shop

- did his homework until 18:30
- ate dinner with his Dad at 18:45 and then walked the dog until 19:30
- watched his favourite TV show at 19:30
- ★ Can you sort out who could have done it?

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THE CHALLENGE

The watch is half an hour slow, so the start and finish times are wrong.

Has he got the wrong person?



★ Who should be cleaning off the graffiti?