Abuelo's Birthday





M2C3 Project 2018



Abuelo's Birthday Task

Discuss in Small Groups

- In what situations have you been involved in sharing costs?
 - Think about situations with family, friends, siblings or coworkers. With family?
- How do you decide how much each person pays?
- What factors impact your decisions?







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- Sam, a 6th grader, earns \$10 each week taking care of his neighbor's pets.
- Elena, a 4th grader, earns \$5 each week doing jobs for an aunt.
- Jaden, a 1st grader, has no weekly job but has saved \$8 in her piggy bank.







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Another grandchild says that it is not fair and they should each pay different amounts.

What do you think? What is *fair* in this situation?





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- Use mathematics to justify your conclusions.
- Your plan should work in other situations where family members want to share costs fairly.





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- Sam a 6th grader has a steady job taking care of neighbor's pets for \$10 per week.
- Elena, a 4th grader, waters plants and does odd jobs for an aunt who lives nearby and earns about \$5 per week.

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