

Job or Work Problems (Needed equations or formulas)

$$\text{Worker's rate} = \frac{1}{\text{total time alone}}$$

Examples:

Joe completes a job in 11 hours; his rate is $\frac{1}{11}$ job/hour.

Molly completes a job in 7 days; her rate is $\frac{1}{7}$ job/day.

A copy machine completes a job in 73 minutes; its rate is $\frac{1}{73}$ job/minute.

$$\text{Part of Job} = (\text{rate})(\text{time})$$

Examples:

If Joe works at the job for 6 hours, he has completed $\frac{1}{11}(6)$ or $\frac{6}{11}$ of the job.

If Molly works at her job for $2\frac{1}{2}$ days, she has completed $\frac{1}{7}\left(\frac{5}{2}\right)$ or $\frac{5}{14}$ of the job.

If the copy machine has been making copies for 27 minutes, it has completed $\frac{1}{73}(27)$ or $\frac{27}{73}$ of the job.

$$\text{Plan: Part of job 1}^{\text{st}} + \text{Part of job 2}^{\text{nd}} = 1 \text{ Job}$$