Probe: Does the Expression Match the Word Problem?

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a) Sam has $2\frac{1}{3}$ cups of peanuts. He has $1\frac{1}{4}$ cups more than Pat. How many cups of peanuts does Pat have?	Yes No Explain your thinking.
b) Xavier has $2\frac{1}{3}$ cups of sugar. He needs $1\frac{1}{4}$ more cups for a recipe. How many cups of sugar does he need in all?	Yes No Explain your thinking.
c) Kayla walked $1\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile today and $2\frac{1}{3}$ miles yesterday. How many miles did she walk altogether on these two days?	Yes No Explain your thinking.

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	$4\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{8}$
d) Benita needs $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet of ribbon for a	Yes No Explain your thinking.
project. She has $1\frac{1}{8}$ feet of ribbon. How	
many more feet of ribbon does Benita need?	
e) Jack has $4rac{1}{2}$ cups of peanuts to share	Yes No Explain your thinking.
with his friends. He wants to give each friend	
$1rac{1}{8}$ cups of peanuts. How many friends can	
he share with?	
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f) Juan jogged $1rac{1}{8}$ of a mile today and	Yes No Explain your thinking.
$4rac{1}{2}$ miles yesterday. How many more miles	
did he jog yesterday than today?	