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## Probe: Does the Expression Match the Word Problem?

Without doing the calculations, determine whether each problem can be solved using the numeric expression: $2 \frac{1}{3}+1 \frac{1}{4}$

| Problems | Can each problem be solved by using: $2 \frac{1}{3}+1 \frac{1}{4}$ |
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| a) Sam has $2 \frac{1}{3}$ cups of peanuts. <br> He has $1 \frac{1}{4}$ cups more than Pat. <br> How many cups of peanuts does Pat have? | Yes No <br> Explain your thinking. |
| b) Xavier has $2 \frac{1}{3}$ cups of sugar. <br> He needs $1 \frac{1}{4}$ more cups for a recipe. <br> 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 <br> Explain your thinking. |

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## Does the Expression Match the Word Problem?

Without doing the calculations, determine whether each problem can be solved using the numeric expression: $4 \frac{1}{2}-1 \frac{1}{8}$

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

