

Mr. Maurer sells hot dogs for \$3 and burritos for \$5. If he sells all his food he will earn \$250. Instead he gets hungry and eats half of the hot dogs and 5 burritos. Now his food is only worth \$150.

- Find the number of hot dogs & burritos.

①  $x = \text{hot dogs}, y = \text{burritos}$

$$3x + 5y = 250 \rightarrow 3x + 5y = 250$$

$$3\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + 5(y - 5) = 150 \rightarrow \frac{3x}{2} + 5y - 25 = 150$$

$\uparrow \quad \uparrow$   
half of hot dogs ate 5 burritos

$$\frac{3x}{2} + 5y = 175$$

I will use elimination to cancel the "y's".

$$3x + 5y = 250$$

$$+ \left(-\frac{3x}{2} - 5y = -175\right)$$

$$3 - \frac{3}{2} = 1.5 \rightarrow 1.5x = 75$$

$$\rightarrow 3(50) + 5y = 250$$

$$150 + 5y = 250$$

$$-150 \quad -150$$

$$\frac{5y}{5} = \frac{100}{5}$$

$$x = 50 \quad \text{Plug in to find } y$$

$$y = 20$$

There were 50 hot dogs and 20 burritos to start. There are 25 hot dogs and 15 burritos at the end.

Verify:

$50(3) + 20(5) = 250$	?
$150 + 100 = 250$	✓
$25(3) + 15(5) = 150$	
$75 + 75 = 150$	✓

② If he ate half of the hot dogs and 5 burritos I can work backwards to find the prices.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Total of original food} &= 250 \\ \text{Total of remaining food} &= 150\end{aligned}$$

So, he ate \$100 of food.

So, half the hot dogs and 5 burritos must cost \$100.

$x$  = hot dogs.  $y$  = burritos

$$3 \cdot \left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + 5(5) = 100$$

↑  
half the  
hot dogs

↑  
5 burritos  
at \$5 each.

$$3 \cdot \left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + 25 = 100$$

$$3 \cdot \left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = 75$$

$$\frac{3}{2}x = 25 \cdot 2$$

$$x = 50$$

← Plug in for  $x$  to solve for  $y$ .

③ You can make 2 tables, one for the original food and another for the left over food.  $x$  = hot dogs  $y$  = burritos.

The original food has twice as many hot dogs. ( $x$ )

The original food has 5 more burritos ( $y$ )

Original	$x$	$y$	\$
	10	10	80
	20	20	160
	40	20	220
	50	20	250

Want \$50  
in original  
table

Want \$100  
in remaining  
table. Remaining

	$x$	$y$	\$
	5	5	40
	10	15	105
	20	15	135
	25	15	150