Is it Fair to Trick Kids? A thinkLaw Math Lab

What Would Joe Schmo Do?

Today we are going to think about Joe Schmo. Joe always falls for the trick answer. Joe does not read the directions carefully. Joes does not complete all the steps in a problem. We are going to think about the mistakes Joe may make on a math test.



Question 1



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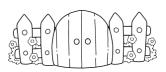
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