

1. Malt-O-Meal Problem

The recipe on the back of the Malt-O-Meal box calls for $\frac{1}{3}$ cup malt-o-meal for 2 servings but jumps up to 4 servings requires $\frac{2}{3}$ cup malt-o-meal. Of course, I needed to make 3 servings. I was somewhat surprised when I did the quick calculation in my head that morning. How much Malt-O-Meal is required for 3 servings?

Hint #1: Average $\frac{1}{3}$ & $\frac{2}{3}$ by adding them and dividing by 2.

Hint #2: Change $\frac{1}{3}$ and $\frac{2}{3}$ to sixths then average them by picking the fraction between them.

Answer: $\frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{3} = \frac{3}{3} = 1$ so their average is $\frac{1}{2}$ thus answer $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of malt-o-meal for 3 servings

Or $\frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{6}$ and $\frac{2}{3} = \frac{4}{6}$ and the average is the number between $\frac{2}{6}$ & $\frac{4}{6}$ thus $\frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$ cup of malt-o-meal for 3 servings.

