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$$18 \overline{)778} \rightarrow 20 \overline{)780} \rightarrow 2 \overline{)78} \begin{array}{r} 39 \\ \hline \end{array}$$



Est: 39 tests per week
Actual: 43.22

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$$71 \overline{)213} \rightarrow 70 \overline{)210} \rightarrow 7 \overline{)21}^3 \quad 58 \overline{)183} \rightarrow 60 \overline{)180} \rightarrow 6 \overline{)18}^3$$



Est: 3 pancakes per person
Actual: 3

Est: 3 hours per game
Actual: 3.16

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$$12 \overline{)262} \rightarrow 10 \overline{)260} \rightarrow 1 \overline{)26}$$

Est: 26 miles per trip
Actual: 21.83

- ⑥ Ada prepares 928 lb of food each day for all of the 16 bears at the zoo. Estimate how much food each bear eats every day.

$$16 \overline{)928} \rightarrow 20 \overline{)930} \rightarrow 2 \overline{)93.0} \quad \begin{matrix} 46.5 \\ \hline \end{matrix}$$



Est: 47 lb per bear
Actual: 58
