Live, Love, Play Ball¹
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Early April in Santa Fe, New Mexico is a special time for many baseball players and fans. It is the time for team tryouts and a chance to get placed on the Santa Fe Extreme traveling team. To be prepared, you must be committed to this experience. Take the field and let’s begin.

Forty-eight boys took to the Regal Baseball field for a two day tryout. Only twelve will be chosen for the team. I need your help to figure out how many hours these boys were on the field. Each day begins at 7:30 am and ends at 5:30 pm.

How many hours did the boys spend on the field on day one?

By the end of day two, how many hours had they spent on the field all together? Explain how you solved this problem.

Each tryout/practice begins at 7:30 am and ends at 5:30 pm. However, each day they receive 3 fifteen minute breaks and a thirty minute lunch break.

Figure out the actual number of hours each day that the boys were practicing. Explain how you solved this problem.

¹ Suggested Grades 2 – 4 Skills: Multiplication and subtraction using time Standards: 3.OA.A1, 3.OA.D.8, 3.NBT.A.1, & 3.MD.A.1