



math word problems for today's parents

1 Your toddler declares that he loves Goldfish crackers. **How many hours after you buy the Costco-size box of Goldfish crackers will he decide to not eat anything that is fish-shaped?**

2 You can walk the .25-mile distance to the park in 8 minutes when walking at a normal pace. **How long will it take you to get to the park with a toddler who insists on pushing the stroller instead of riding in it?**

3 The box of ice pops you bought contains 20 pops, but only 5 blue ones. If your 2 kids will currently only eat the blue pops and they are allowed 1 per day, **how long will you have until there is a fight over the last blue ice pop?**

4 There is one tiny Lego on the floor of your 20- x 15-foot living room. **How many seconds after you walk into the room barefoot will you step on the Lego?**

5 At bedtime, your child has a drink of water, goes potty, and hears 20 bedtime stories. **Calculate how many "just one more thing" requests she can possibly come up with afterward.**

6 The longest day of the year is June 21, the summer solstice. **How many more days will your kids be getting up at 5 a.m. and staying awake until past 10 p.m.?**

7 Your child decides she wants a superhero-themed birthday party. If her birthday is 6 months

away, **how many times will she change the party theme by the time her birthday arrives?**

8 Your child has a slightly runny nose. **How many times worse will your cold be when you inevitably catch it?**

9 You will check out 55 library books for your kids this year. Of those, 15 will be returned late, and 3 will be lost altogether. **How much money will you owe the library by the end of the year?**

10 If you do an average of 4 loads of laundry a week and there are 52 weeks in a year, **how many drinks will you need after you calculate the amount of laundry you will be doing in the next 10 years?**