

1. What is the purpose of learning number sense? Can't you just use a calculator to figure out these problems??
 - a. If you have a strong number sense, you can understand basic math and computations fully, and having this foundation when you do complex problems can help you work out almost anything. Why memorize 100 formulas for things you may never use when you can simply DO the problems because they make sense? Most people don't even remember all of the formulas anyway, so then what? You should be able to see the numbers working in your head. After all, numbers are a language, isn't it important to be able to speak it?
2. How have you grown in your understanding of number sense throughout this unit?
 - a. Practice makes perfect. When you are looking for patterns in a bunch of separate problems every day, you start to notice even bigger patterns as a whole. For example, you can usually find important changes in x/y tables, or by just writing out everything you see. You never know what may be important later. I find it much easier to actually understand how the numbers are affecting each other, and why I am doing the things that I was taught to do in previous math classes. I find that I don't have to push myself to try to solve the problems because I enjoy them.
3. **How am I making progress towards my A...**
 - a. **I already have one, and I plan on keeping it. It's not that hard when you actually want to understand. The grade will come with the effort I am putting in.**