

1. A retailer sells a mix of peanuts and cashews. He charges \$2.50 per pound for the peanuts and \$6.00 per pound for the cashews. He wants to sell the mix of both nuts for \$3.20 per pound. How many pounds of each should be used to make 100 pounds of the mix?

Let  $x$  be the pounds of peanuts.

Let  $y$  be the pounds of cashews.

- (a). Write an equation that states that the total sum pounds of the nuts is 100.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- (b). How much does  $x$  pounds of peanuts cost?
- (c). How much does  $y$  pounds of cashews cost?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- (d). How many dollars does the total 100 pounds of mixed nuts cost?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- (e). Combine the results of (b)-(d), to write an equation that states that the total cost of the mixed nuts is the amount from (d).
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- (f). Summarize all this information in the table below.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- (g). Convert the table to a system of two linear equations and solve the system to find out how many pounds of each kind of nut to use.

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**2.** A 5.3 oz container of plain Greek yogurt contains 15 g of protein and 150 mg of calcium. An 8 oz glass of almond milk contains 1 g of protein and 450 mg of calcium. How many servings of each would provide 24 g of protein and 1000 mg of calcium?

A chemist has a 35% solution and a 10% solution. She would like to mix the two solutions to obtain 20 cubic centimeters (cc) of a 15% solution. How many cc's of each solution should she mix?