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*Answer:* 6 outfits

*Solution:* We can solve this problem a few ways. Instead of mixing and matching and counting up the outfits one-by-one, we can reason that there are 3 shirts that Liam can wear with each pair of pants. So, there are 3 outfits with jeans + 3 outfits with corduroys = 6 outfits in total.

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*Answer:* NoteMart

*Solution:* Each notebook from NoteMart costs $1.50 ÷ 2 = 75¢. Each notebook from A+ Stationery costs 85¢. Each notebook from Hank’s Discount School Supplies costs $8.00 ÷ 10 = 80¢. Since 75¢ is the smallest cost per notebook, NoteMart has the best deal on spiral notebooks.



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*Answer:* Lily will be 10 minutes late.

*Solution:* There are 20 minutes until class starts. Lily can run 6 miles in 60 minutes, which means she can run 1 mile in 60 ÷ 6 = 10 minutes. That means it’ll take her 10 × 3 = 30 minutes to run to school, which is 30 – 20 = 10 more minutes than she has. So, Lily will be 10 minutes late.

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*Answer:* 16%

*Solution:* There is a 100% chance that Camilla will be in any algebra class, a 1 / 5 = 20% chance that Daniel will be in the same class, and a 4 / 5 = 80% chance that Elijah will be in one of the four other algebra classes. So, the percent chance that Camilla and Daniel will have the same algebra class but Elijah will not is 100% × 20% × 80% = 16%.