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*Answer:* chocolate frog, book, wand

*Solution:* We can tell that each silver coin is worth less than a gold coin because it takes more of them to have the same value as a gold coin. The copper coins are worth even less because it takes even more of them. Since each object costs the same number of coins but the coins are worth different amounts, the object that is valued in gold coins is worth the most, the object valued in silver coins is in the middle, and the object valued in copper coins is worth the least.

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*Answer:* 90 miles per hour

*Solution:* Since 11:00 am to 5:00 pm is 6 hours, the train takes 6 hours to get from London to the small town in Scotland. If we divide 540 miles by 6 hours, we get 90 miles per hour. So, the train’s average speed during its journey is 90 miles per hour.

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*Question:* A feather is floating 76.2 centimeters off the ground. How many feet off the ground is the feather?

*Answer:* 2.5 feet

*Solution:* First, we convert centimeters to inches. There are 2.54 centimeters per inch, so 76.2 centimeters is 76.2 ÷ 2.54 = 30 inches. There are 12 inches in a foot, so 30 inches is 30 ÷ 12 = 2.5 feet.

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*Answer:* 482 points

*Solution:* First, we set up a system of equations for the points scored by the Serpents, the Badgers, and the Eagles:

 ***S*** = 1.25***B*** + 32

 ***B*** = 5/6***E*** – 3

 ***S*** + ***B*** + ***E*** = 1,250

When we solve this system, we get ***S*** = 472, ***B*** = 352, and ***E*** = 426. Since ***S*** is the greatest value so far and we know that the Lions beat that score by 10 points, the Lions must have scored 472 + 10 = 482 points.