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*Question:* Dorothy is riding her bicycle from a fortune teller’s caravan to her house. She can ride 8 kilometres in a whole hour. If it takes Dorothy half an hour to get home, then how far is it from the fortune teller’s caravan to her house?

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**Middle School:**

*Question:* A winged monkey can fly 75 kilometres per hour in still conditions. If a winged monkey flies into the wind and is slowed down by 12 000 decimetres per minute, then what is the winged monkey’s new speed?

**Algebra and Up:**

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*Answer:* 4 kilometres

*Solution:* Since Dorothy can ride 8 kilometres in a whole hour, she can ride half as far in half an hour. So, since half of 8 is 4, Dorothy can ride 4 kilometres in half an hour. The fortune teller’s caravan is 4 kilometres away from her house.

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*Answer:* ½%

*Solution:* The population of Munchkinland increases by 1: we add 2 for Dorothy and Toto and subtract 1 for the squished witch. A percentage is out of 100. To turn 1 out of 200 into a percent, we divide both numbers by 2 and get 1/2 out of 100. That’s 1/2%.

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*Answer:* 3 kilometres per hour

*Solution:* To solve this problem, we start by converting 12 000 decimetres per minute to kilometres per hour. A kilometre is 10 000 decimetres, so 12 000 decimetres is 12 000/10 000 = 12000/10 000 = 11/5 kilometres. Next, we find that 11/5 kilometres per minute × 60 minutes = 72 kilometres per hour. So, the winged monkey’s speed is 75 – 72 = 3 kilometres per hour.

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*Answer:* 113 centimetres

*Solution:* For each click, Dorothy pivots her heels 30 degrees away from each other and then 30 degrees toward each other. That’s 60 degrees per foot per click, or 120 degrees total per click. When we multiply that by 3 clicks, we get 360 degrees—a full circle. So, to find the distance traveled by her heels, we find the circumference of a circle with an 18-centimetre radius: 2 × π × 18 centimetres ≈ 113 centimetres.