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**Upper Elementary:**

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*Answer:* the utility droid

*Solution:* The faster droid will reach the escape pod first. Since 5 is more than 2, we can tell that 5 mph is faster than 2 mph. So, since the utility droid rolls at a speed of 5 mph, it will reach the escape pod first.

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*Answer:* 32%

*Solution:* If each player has 4 pieces on the board, then there are 4 × 2 = 8 pieces on the board in total. Since there are 25 spaces on the board, 8/25 of the spaces are occupied. We can turn the fraction into a percent by multiplying both the numerator and denominator by 4, since percentages are out of 100: 8/25 × 4/4 = 32/100 = 32%.

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*Answer:* 115 trillion miles

*Solution:* Since the usual Kessel Run smuggling route is 18 parsecs and the smuggler’s starship makes it in 12 parsecs, the smuggler shortens the Kessel Run by 18 – 12 = 6 parsecs. Next, we convert 6 parsecs to trillions of miles by multiplying by the conversion rates: 6 parsecs × 3.26 light-years per parsec × 5.88 trillion miles per light year ≈ 115 trillion miles.

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*Answer:* 33π square feet

*Solution:* To find the area in which the blade slices through the air, we find the area of a circle whose radius is 3 + 4 = 7 feet, then subtract the area of a circle whose radius is 4 feet for the space inside the circle where the laser sword’s blade doesn’t touch. The area of the full circle is π***r***2 = π(7)2 = 49π, and the area of the circle inside is π(4) 2 = 16π, so the area inside is 49π – 16π = 33π square feet.