Commentary
Earth, XXIII

1. **(ruler)** Since 4 pencils balance 2 rulers, 2 pencils must weigh the same as 1 ruler. This means that the ruler is heavier than the pencil.

2. **($6)** Students can easily add $1.25 five times, if they think of this amount as a 1 dollar bill and a quarter. If they put five such amounts together, they have 5 1-dollar bills and 5 quarters, for $5 plus $1 from 4 quarters, plus $0.25 from the left-over quarter. This amounts to $6.25, or a little over $6.

3. **(5)** A pentagon has 5 sides so you would need 5 flags. The purpose of the problem is for students to recognize that geometry words appear in the real world also.

4. **(7)** This is a simple subtraction problem. Some students may want to draw 26 circles for the golf balls she has, then mark out 19, and count the circles left.

5. **(A. 5; B. Pacers; C. See chart below)**

Basketball Games Won

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Pacers	🏀 🏀 🏀 🏀 🏀
Heat	🏀 🏀 🏀 🏀 🏀
Rockets	🏀 🏀 🏀 🏀 🏀

Part (C) above is an intuitive introduction to the concept of an *average*.

6. **($4)** Students will probably put 2 slices together to total $1, and then count by 2s till they get to 8 slices. Some students might add $0.50 eight times.