

THE BARTON SERIES

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BARTON ON A MORNING

Barton A. Sandiford awoke promptly upon hearing the sound of his alarm clock. The young boy glanced at his analogue clock, which showed **the time as a quarter past six**. Then, he looked at his digital alarm clock, which boldly displayed the time as **6: 15 a.m.**

Barton did not delay but hurried off to brush his teeth and to shower. In his hand, he held a tube of toothpaste. A filled tube contained one hundred and fifty millilitres of toothpaste and this amount would usually be used by Barton over a period of thirty days. Therefore, on average, Barton would use **five** millilitres of toothpaste per day.

Including today, Barton had used the tube of toothpaste for a total of six days. It was expected that the tube would still have **about 120 millilitres** left.



Barton calculated that the remaining amount might last him for another **twenty-four** days and **which is three weeks and three days** when converted into weeks and days.

Barton was fully dressed and ready for breakfast twenty minutes after he awoke. He fastened his watch around his wrist and which now showed the time to be **6:35 a.m.**

The well-rested and smiling boy greeted his mother and his two siblings as they all sat down to breakfast.

Dad had already left for work. He usually departed one-half of an hour before Barton awakened. This was at the rather early time of **5:45 a.m.**

Mom and Dad would set their alarm clock to awaken one hour before Barton did. This was at a time of **5:15 a.m.**

Barton had one brother and one sister, and so the family comprised of **five** members in all. His brother, Darren was nine years old, and two years younger than Barton who was **eleven**. The sister, Cathy-Ann, was one-half of the total age of Barton and his brother. She was **ten** years old.

Barton had calculated that the combined age of all three children was **thirty** years. Their names, starting from the youngest to the oldest were **Darren, Cathy-Ann, and Barton**.

Mom was three times Barton's age and was **thirty-three** years old. Dad's age exceeded Mom's age by two years, and so he was **thirty-five** years old.

Dad would often have his breakfast at work. That time was much earlier than when the rest of the family did. The rest of the family members usually had cereal, sausages, toast, cheese and eggs for breakfast.

Each one of them, except Dad, used one small box of cereal per morning and Mom bought them in packs holding twenty-four such boxes. She would buy two of these packs at a time and they lasted for **twelve** days.



For breakfast, Barton would eat two eggs, the same amount as Mom. Both Darren and Cathy-Ann would have one each. The number of eggs used each morning by the family was **six**. Eggs were bought in crates containing thirty each. Mother bought three crates at a time and the total was enough to last for **fifteen** mornings.

From a filled carton, with a capacity of one and one-half litres, and which was 1 500 millilitres, Barton would pour each member of the family a glass of orange juice.

Each glass held one hundred and fifty millilitres. The total amount of orange juice poured, in millilitres, was **600** and the amount that remained was **900 millilitres**. The remainder was enough to fill **six** glasses.

After breakfast, Cathy-Ann often chose to help Mom with the dishes. Each of the diners would have used one each of a plate, knife, fork, spoon, saucer, bowl and glass. The total number of utensils used by the family at breakfast was **twenty-eight**.

Together with a saucepan, two pots and a large cooking spoon, the total number of items that needed to be washed on mornings was **thirty-two**.

It would take Mom or Cathy-Ann an average of half a minute for each utensil and so the expected time to complete the washing of dishes was about **sixteen** minutes.



Barton would then proceed to complete his morning chores. He would make his bed, taking about five minutes to do so. Then he would empty the garbage which took a further four minutes. His final job was to feed and tend to the dog, which took up to six minutes.

His younger brother's chore was to rake the fallen leaves from the lawn and which took him approximately twelve minutes to complete.

The child, who finished first, usually brought in the newspaper.

There was always some excitement among the children in doing their morning chores, as they competed to be the one to bring in the newspaper. On most mornings, the newspaper was brought in by **Darren**. Then, after kissing Mom good-bye the three happy children headed off to their school and which was not too far off.