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Grade 5 Reading Worksheet

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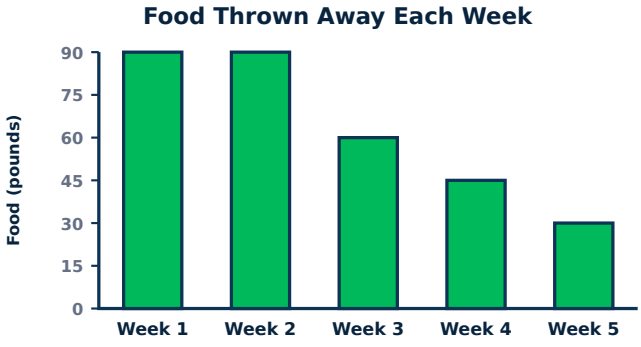
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It did. The weekly total dropped as soon as the table appeared, and it kept falling. By Week 5, the bins held only one third of what they had held in Week 1. Fewer bags of trash also meant fewer trips to the dumpster for the custodian, Mr. Reyes.

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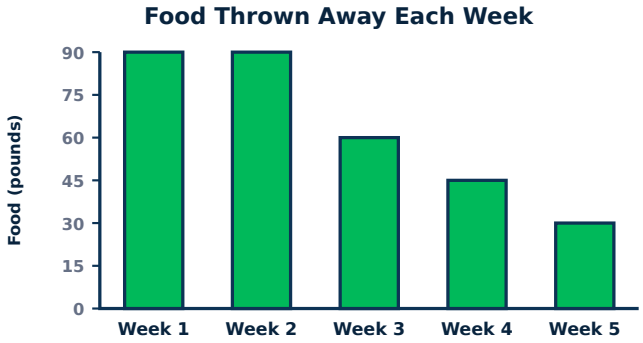
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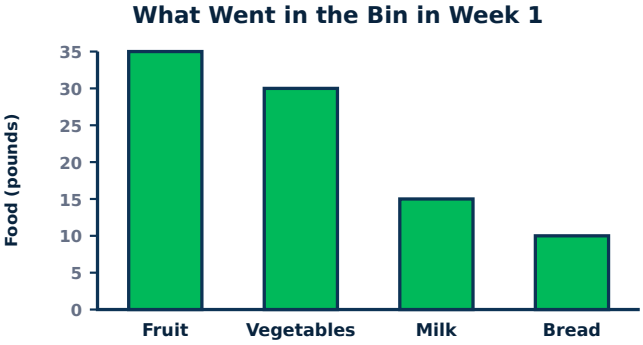
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   45 pounds 60 pounds 50 pounds 40 pounds

2. The share table started in Week 3. How much less food was thrown away that week than in Week 2?
   90 pounds 30 pounds 15 pounds 60 pounds

3. The text says the bins held one third as much by Week 5. Which numbers on the graph show this?



90 pounds in Week 1 and 60 in Week 3
90 pounds in Week 1 and 30 in Week 5
60 pounds in Week 3 and 30 in Week 5
90 pounds in Week 2 and 45 in Week 4



4. Look at the second graph. Which food was thrown away most in Week 1?
fruit vegetables bread milk

5. How many pounds of milk and bread together went in the bin in Week 1?
25 pounds 35 pounds 15 pounds 10 pounds

6. How does the second graph support what the text says about unopened food?
It shows bread was wasted more than milk.
It shows fruit was the largest amount.
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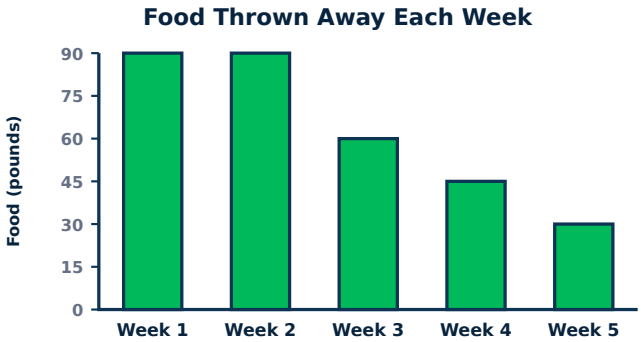
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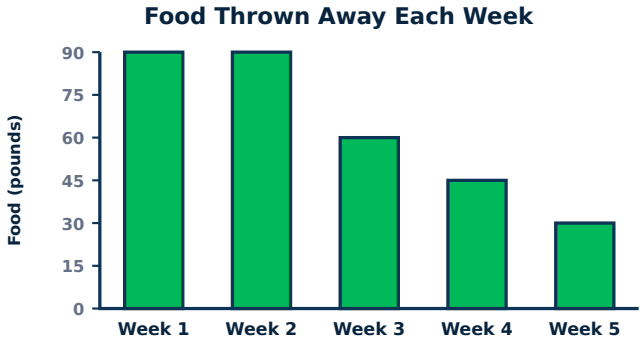
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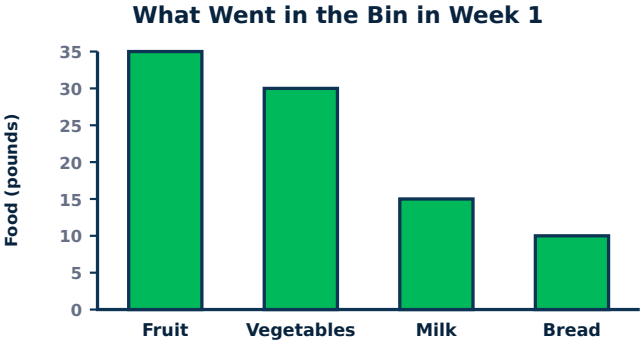
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