PROBLEM SOLVING WORKSHOP LESSON 1.6

Using ALTERNATIVE METHODS



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MULTIPLE REPRESENTATIONS Example 3 of Lesson 1.6 involved solving an inequality using algebra. You can also solve an inequality using a table or a graphing calculator's *test* feature, which tells when an inequality is true or false.

PROBLEM

FAIR You have \$50 to spend at a county fair. You spend \$20 for admission. You want to play a game that costs \$1.50. Describe the possible numbers of times you can play the game.

METHOD 1

Using a Table One alternative approach is to make a table of values.

STEP 1 Write an expression for the total cost of admission and playing x games.



STEP 2 Enter the equation y = 20 + 1.5x into a graphing calculator.



STEP 3 Make a table of values for the equation.



- **STEP 4** Scroll through the table of values to find when the total cost is \$50. You can see that y = 50 when x = 20.
- ▶ The table suggests that $20 + 1.5x \le 50$ when $x \le 20$. So, you can play the game at the fair 20 times or fewer.

