53. FOOTBALL A football team's net score for the regular season is given by the expression $a-b$ where $a$ is the total number of points the team scored and $b$ is the total number of points scored against the team.
The table shows the point totals for the 2003 National Football League Conference Champions. Which team's net score was greater?

| Team | Points scored, $\boldsymbol{a}$ | Points scored against, $\boldsymbol{b}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| New England Patriots | 336 | 238 |
| Carolina Panthers | 325 | 304 |

54. TAKS REASONING A manufacturer produces three different sizes of cube-shaped stacking bins with edge lengths as shown.

a. Evaluate Find the volume of each bin.
b. Compare How many times greater is the edge length of bin $B$ than the edge length of bin A? How many times greater is the volume of bin $B$ than the volume of bin $A$ ?
c. Compare Answer the questions in part (b) for bin A and bin C.
d. CHALLENGE Explain how multiplying the edge length of a cube by a number $n$ affects the volume of the cube. Justify your explanation.

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55. CHALLENGE You purchase a set of 100 cube-shaped miniature magnets, each with an edge length of $\frac{1}{8}$ inch. You arrange the cubes to form larger cubes, each one with a different edge length. How many cubes can you form? What is their total volume?

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56. TAKS PRACTICE A fence that surrounds a rectangular portion of a field is 32 feet long. If one side of the fence is 10 feet long, which of the following is the length of another side? TAKS Obj. 7
(A) 6 ft
(B) 8 ft
(C) 11 ft
(D) 22 ft
57. TAKS PRACTICE Half of the money a company earns is used to pay for workers' wages, and $\frac{1}{4}$ of the earnings is used to pay for supplies. An additional $10 \%$ of the earnings is used to pay for advertising, and the rest is profit. What percent of the company's earnings is profit? TAKS Obj. 9
(F) $10 \%$
(G) $15 \%$
(H) $25 \%$
(J) $35 \%$

