



# Monthly Math Mania

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### Text messaging through cellphones

Percentage of people who use text messaging to communicate with a date or mate:



Sources: Poll of 1,006 adults Feb. 2-7 by International Communications Research for Cingular Wireless. Respondents: 56% own a cellphone, 44% are married; and 40% are not married.

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### Problem:

In 2001, 4 % of people used text messaging to communicate with a date or mate. In 2002, 6 %, 2003 10%, 2004 16%, and in 2005, 24%. If this pattern continues, what percentage of people will use text messaging to communicate with a date or mate in 2008?

