



Before Handing In

PROBLEM SOLVING · WHAT'S MISSING

Ian finishes his math page before art class. The class will line up in six minutes. His teacher said to check each answer first. Ian wants to hand in neat work.

Name the missing step in Ian's process.

1. Ian finishes the last math problem.
2. He writes his name at the top.
3. He turns in the paper.

Answer: He checks each answer and fixes any mistakes. (goes after step 1)

Think about it: Why should Ian check the work before handing it in?

TEACHER NOTE

The missing step is: He checks each answer and fixes any mistakes. It belongs after Ian finishes the last problem and before he writes his name and turns in the paper. A strong response names both checking and fixing, not just looking at the page.

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