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The following approach is just one of
many ways to tackle the word problem
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## Airplane Fuel

Bluebird Aviation operates from one of Valley County's general aviation airports, transporting people and supplies to Idaho's backcountry airstrips. Bluebird's pilot must depart from her home airport to drop off supplies at an airstrip that is 40 minutes away in cruise flight, and then return home. To maximize the supplies she can take, the pilot wants only enough fuel on board for the round trip, plus the legally required 30-minute fuel reserve. Airplane performance charts show the following: taxi, takeoff, and climb will use 23 pounds of fuel; cruise will use 78 pounds of fuel per hour; and descent, landing, and taxi will use 11 pounds of fuel. How many gallons of fuel does the pilot need to put in the fuel tanks? Aviation fuel weighs six pounds per gallon.
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Airplane Fuel

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## Key Info

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## Knowns

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- Home airport to an airstrip 40 minutes away in cruise flight, then return home $\qquad$
- 30-minute fuel reserve
- Taxi, takeoff, and climb will use 23 pounds of fuel
- Cruise will use 78 pounds of fuel per hour
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| - (Taxi, takeoff, and climb) will use 23 pounds of fuel |
| - Cruise will use 78 pounds of fuel per hour |
| - (Descent, landing, and taxi) will use 11 pounds of fuel |
| - Fuel weighs six pounds per gallon |

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Knowns

- Home airport to an airstrip 40 minutes away in cruise flight, then return home
- 30-minute fuel reserve
- T will use 23 pounds of fuel
- C will use 78 pounds of fuel per hour
- L will use 11 pounds of fuel
- Fuel weighs six pounds per gallon

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- Home airport to an airstrip 40 minutes away in cruise flight, then return home $\qquad$
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| Knowns <br> - Home airport to an airstrip 40 minutes away in cruise <br> flight, then return home <br> - 30 -minute fuel reserve <br> - $T=23$ pounds of fuel <br> - $C=78$ pounds of fuel per hour "is equal to" <br> - $L=11$ pounds of fuel <br> - Weight of fuel = six pounds per gallon |

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- Home airport to an airstrip 40 minutes away in cruise flight, then return home
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- 30-minute fuel reserve
- $T=23$ pounds of fuel
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- Weight of fuel = six pounds per gallon

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- $\mathrm{T}=23$ pounds
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- $\mathrm{L}=11$ pounds
- Weight = six pounds per gallon
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- Home airport to an airstrip 40 minutes away in cruise flight, then return home
- 30-minute reserve
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- $\mathrm{C}=78$ pounds per hour
- $\mathrm{L}=11$ pounds
- $\mathrm{W}=$ six pounds per gallon

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Knowns

- Home airport to an airstrip 40 minutes away in cruise flight, then return home
- 30-minute reserve
- $\mathrm{T}=23$ pounds
- $\mathrm{C}=78$ pounds per hour
- $\mathrm{L}=11$ pounds
- $W=$ six pounds per gallon
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| Knowns <br> - Home airport to an airstrip 40 minutes away in cruise <br> flight, then return home |
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| - $\mathrm{C}=78$ pounds per hour |
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- $\mathrm{C}=78$ pounds per hour $\qquad$
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- 30-minute reserve
- $\mathrm{T}=23$ pounds
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| Knowns <br> - Home airport to an airstrip 40 minutes away in cruise <br> flight, then return home |
| - 30 -minute reserve |
| - $T=23 \mathrm{lb}$ |
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| - $\mathrm{W}=6 \mathrm{lb}$ per gallon |

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- $\mathrm{L}=11 \mathrm{lb}$ $\qquad$
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- 30-minute reserve
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| Knowns |
| • Home airport to an airstrip 40 minutes away in cruise |
| flight, then return home |
| - 30 -minute reserve |
| - $T=23 \mathrm{lb}$ |
| - $\mathrm{C}=78 \mathrm{lb} / \mathrm{hr}$ |
| • $\mathrm{L}=11 \mathrm{lb}$ |
| - $\mathrm{W}=6 \mathrm{lb} /$ gal |

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30-minute reserve

- $\mathrm{T}=23 \mathrm{lb}$
- $\mathrm{C}=78 \mathrm{lb} / \mathrm{hr}$ $\qquad$
- L = 11 lb $\qquad$

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- Home airport to an airstrip 40 minutes away in cruise flight, then return home $\qquad$
- 30-minute reserve
- T = 23 lb
- $\mathrm{C}=78 \mathrm{lb} / \mathrm{hr}$
- $\mathrm{L}=11 \mathrm{lb}$

- $\mathrm{W}=6 \mathrm{lb} / \mathrm{gal}$ $\qquad$
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| • $\mathrm{C}=40$ minutes per leg |
| • 30 -minute reserve |
| - $T=23 \mathrm{lb}$ |
| • C $=78 \mathrm{lb} / \mathrm{hr}$ |
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| • $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{t}}=40$ minutes $/$ leg |
| • 30 -minute reserve |
| • $\mathrm{T}=23 \mathrm{lb}$ |
| • $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{f}}=78 \mathrm{lb} / \mathrm{hr}$ |
| • $\mathrm{L}=11 \mathrm{lb}$ |
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| Knowns |
| - $C_{t}=40 \mathrm{~min} / \mathrm{leg}$ |
| - 30 min reserve |
| - $T=23 \mathrm{lb}$ |
| - $C_{f}=78 \mathrm{lb} / \mathrm{hr}$ |
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| - $\mathrm{T}=23 \mathrm{lb}$ |
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## Airplane Fuel

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Knowns

- $C_{t}=40 \mathrm{~min} / \mathrm{leg}$
- $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{t}}=30 \mathrm{~min}$
- $\mathrm{T}=23 \mathrm{lb}$
- $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{f}}=78 \mathrm{lb} / \mathrm{hr}$

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(34 \mathrm{lb}+\mathrm{C})
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- $\mathrm{L}=11 \mathrm{lb}$

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$\mathrm{W}=6 \mathrm{lb} / \mathrm{gal}$

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