

Question from Charles

In **December**, Anne, Betty, Cathy and Dina saved a **total of \$1267**. In January, **each of them had an equal amount** of savings when Anne's savings was **doubled**, Betty's savings was **increased by \$18** and Dina's savings was **decreased by \$25**. If Cathy's savings remained the same,

- (a) what was Betty's savings in January?
(b) What was Dina's savings in December?

Suggested Solution:

Anne's savings doubled → December: 1 units ; January: 2 units

December	<u>A</u> 1 unit	: <u>B</u> : 2 units - \$18	: <u>C</u> : 2 units	: <u>D</u> : 2 units + \$25
January	2 units	: 2 units	: 2 units	: 2 units

Total savings in December → **\$1267**

$$1 \text{ unit} + 2 \text{ units} - \$18 + 2 \text{ units} + 2 \text{ units} + \$25 \rightarrow \$1267$$

$$7 \text{ units} + \$7 \rightarrow \$1267$$

$$7 \text{ units} \rightarrow \$1260$$

$$1 \text{ unit} \rightarrow \$180$$

$$2 \text{ units} \rightarrow \$360$$

- (a) **ANS: Betty saved \$360 in January.**

$$2 \text{ units} + \$25 \rightarrow \$360 + \$25 = \$385$$

- (b) **ANS: Dina saved \$385 in December.**