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Quantity of apples Mr. Johnson harvested = $15\frac{1}{4}$

Quantity of apples Mr. Lyon harvestd = $15\frac{1}{2}$

So, quantity Mr. Lyon harvested more than Mr Johnson = $15\frac{1}{2} - 15\frac{1}{4}$

$$(15-15) \frac{2}{4} - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{4} \text{ kg}$$

But we know that,

1 kg = 1000g

So, $\frac{1}{4}$ kg = $1000 \times \frac{1}{4}$ g = $\frac{1000}{4}$ g = 250g.

Therefore, Mr. Lyon harvested 250 more grams of apples than Mr. Johnson.



2. In the process of making berry punch, Lily mixed $7\frac{1}{2}$ cups blueberry juice and $1\frac{3}{8}$ cup cranberry juice together. How many quarts of berry punch did she make?

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Amount of blueberry juice mixed = $7\frac{1}{2}$

Amount of cranberry juice mixed = $1\frac{3}{8}$

So, amount mixed altogether = $7\frac{1}{2} + 1\frac{3}{8}$

$$(7+1) \frac{4}{4} + \frac{3}{8} = 8\frac{7}{8} \text{ cups}$$

But we know that,

4 cups = 1 quarts

So, $8\frac{7}{8}$ cups = $\frac{(8 \times 8) + 7}{8} \div \frac{4}{1}$ quarts

= $\frac{71}{8} \times \frac{1}{4}$ quarts = $\frac{71}{32}$ quarts

= $2\frac{7}{32}$ quarts

So, Lily made $2\frac{7}{32}$ quarts or 2 quarts $\frac{7}{32}$ cups of berry punch.

