Foundations of Algebra Day 3: Translating Algebraic Expressions

Unit 3: Arithmetic to Algebra

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Practice Assignment

1. Write each phrase as an algebraic expression:

a. Fourteen decreased by a number p.

c. 14 less than m.

e. The quotient of a number and 9

$$\frac{x}{9}$$

g. 4 times a number cubed decreased by 7

b. Five more than twice a number.

d. 18 more than y.

f. The product of 5 and y added to 3

h. 3 more than four times a number

2. For each word problem, show the work to how you arrived at your answer for parts A and B. Define the quantity that is changing each time in part C. Using your work, create an algebraic expression for part D.

a. You buy 100 yo-yos to give away as prizes at a carnival.

a. If 12 people win a prize, how many yo-yos will you have left?

100-12=88 yo-yosb. How many yo-yos will you have if 34 people win a price?

c. What quantity is changing each time? What variable will you use to represent this quantity?

d. Write an expression to represent the scenario.

b. Bulk trail mix costs \$1.95 per pound.

a. If you purchase 4 pounds of trail mix, how much will that cost?

b. If you purchase 7 pounds of trail mix, how much will that cost? $1.95 \cdot 7 = \$13.65$

c. What quantity is changing each time? What variable will you use to represent this quantity?

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c. The charge for ice skating is \$3 for the skate rental and \$2 per hour to skate.

a. How much will you pay for 4 hours of skating?

b. How much will you pay for 5½ hours of skating?

c. What quantity is changing each time? What variable will you use to represent this quantity?

d. Write an expression to represent the scenario.

d. You have \$15 to spend at the snack bar. All of the snacks at the snack bar cost \$1.50 each.

a. How much money will you have left if you buy 3 snacks?

b. How much money will you have left if you buy 6 snacks?

c. What quantity is changing each time? What variable will you use to represent this quantity?

d. Write an expression to represent the scenario.

e. Atlanta City Cab charges \$3.30 as an initial fee the minute the customer enters the cab. The company then charges \$2.40 per mile.

a. How much will it cost to ride if the cab travels 10 miles?

b. How much will it cost to ride if the cab travels 13.5 miles?

c. What quantity is changing each time? What variable will you use to represent this quantity?

f. Caitlin has \$200 in her savings account. She withdraws \$15 each week.

a. How much will she have remaining after 5 weeks?

b. How much will she have remaining after 9 week?

c. What quantity is changing each time? What variable will you use to represent this quantity?

d. Write an expression to represent the scenario.

3. Simplify:

a.
$$7(2-3x) - 5(6+x) + 4x$$

c.
$$-6(-4x+8) + 10 + 3(-5x+7)$$

 $24x - 48 + 10 - 15x + 21$
 $9x - 17$

4. Evaluate:

a.
$$\frac{-7d+14}{2}$$
 when d = -4

$$=\frac{-7(-4)+14}{2}$$

$$=\frac{28+14}{2}$$

$$=\frac{42}{2}$$

b.
$$-4(-2x + 5) + 2(\frac{1}{2}x + 2)$$

$$8x - 20 + x + 4$$

$$9x - 16$$

d. 8 -
$$4(-x-11)$$
 - $5(x+9)$ + 13x
8 + $4x$ + 44 - $6x$ - 46 + $13x$
 $12x$ + 7

b. 32.68 - 4.15q when q = 10