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Reading and Writing Equations

Quick Review



➤ An equation is a statement that two expressions are equal.

2x + 1 is an algebraic expression.

7 is an expression.

2x + 1 = 7 is an equation.

This equation can be expressed in words as: One more than double a number is seven.

➤ Here's how to write an equation from a statement.

1. Choose a letter for the variable.

2. Write an algebraic expression to represent the relationship described.

3. Write an equals sign between the expression and the constant term.

Five more than a number is 20.

Let *p* represent the number.

Five more than p: p + 5

The equation is: p + 5 = 20

A number subtracted from ten is 4.

Let x represent the number.

x subtracted from ten: 10 - x

The equation is: 10 - x = 4

A number divided by two is 8.

Let n represent the number.

n divided by two: $\frac{n}{2}$

The equation is: $\frac{n}{2} = 8$

The words "is" and "equals" are written as an equals sign (=) in an equation.



Practice

1. Match each sentence with an equation. The first one is done for you.

A number divided by three is 4.

-20-n=6

Twenty subtract a number equals 6.

2n + 3 = 11

Nine subtract one-half a number is 6.

 $\frac{n}{3} = 4$

Three added to double a number is 11.

 $9 - \frac{n}{2} = 6$

2.	I.	Write an equation for each sentence. Let n represent the number.
	a	Eight less than a number is 2. $n - \underline{\hspace{1cm}} = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$
		One-half a number equals 5
		Four more than double a number is 20.
) Six plus three times a number is 9.
3.		Vrite a sentence for each equation.
		n-6=12
	b)	$\frac{x}{2} = 10$
	c)	2p + 10 = 14
4.	W	rite an equation for each sentence. et x represent the number.
	a)	Three more than a number is 12.
		Three less than a number is 12.
	c)	Three times a number equals 12.
		Three more than three times a number is 12.
		Three subtracted from three times a number equals 12.
		rite an equation for each sentence.
		The cost of 2 adult tickets at \$5 each and n child tickets at \$3 each is \$25.
	b)	William's age 4 years ago was 12. Let a years represent William's age now.

c) The perimeter of a square with side length s is 28.