

GCSE Maths: Letters, expressions and formulae (Foundation): worksheet

GCSE Maths - Substitution and Formulae - Foundation - Lesson 8.1

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15 questions. Write your answers in the spaces. Answers and step-by-step help are free at websink.site/gcse/maths/ch08-substitution-formulae/foundation/letters-expressions-and-formulae/

Exercise 8A Words, expressions and formulae Non-calculator

1 Write down whether each of these is an **expression**, an **equation**, a **formula** or an **identity**.

(a) $4n - 7$

Answer: _____

(b) $4n - 7 = 21$

Answer: _____

(c) $3(n + 2) \equiv 3n + 6$

Answer: _____

(d) $2(l + w)$

Answer: _____

(e) $P = 2l + 2w$

Answer: _____

(f) $5 + 2x$

Answer: _____

2 Write each of these in the shortest algebra form.

(a) $3 \times n$

Answer: _____

(b) $n \times n$

Answer: _____

(c) $4 \times a \times b$

Answer: _____

(d) $b \times a \times 3$

Answer: _____

(e) $x \div 5$

Answer: _____

(f) $2 \times (n + 4)$

Answer: _____

3 Write an expression for each statement. Use the letter n for the number.

(a) 5 more than n

Answer:

(b) 6 times n

Answer:

(c) 9 less than n

Answer:

(d) n shared equally between 4 people

Answer:

(e) double n , then add 3

Answer:

(f) take n away from 12

Answer:

4 Pens cost 35 pence each and a ruler costs 60 pence. Write an expression, in pence, for the cost of:

(a) n pens

Answer:

(b) n pens and one ruler

Answer:

(c) the change from £5 when buying n pens and one ruler

Answer:

5 Ali is a years old. Ben is 3 years older than Ali. Cara is half as old as Ali. Write an expression for:

(a) Ben's age

Answer:

(b) Cara's age

Answer:

(c) the total of their three ages (you do not need to simplify)

Answer:

6 Dan says, "4 more than n is $4n$." Show, using $n = 5$, that Dan is wrong, and write the correct expression.

Answer:

7 A taxi charges £3 to start, plus £2 for every mile. The cost is £ C for a journey of m miles.

(a) Write a formula for C in terms of m .

Answer:

(b) Use your formula to work out the cost of a 5 mile journey.

Answer:

8 Write an expression for each description.

(a) Add 3 to n , then double the result

Answer:

(b) Double n , then add 3

Answer:

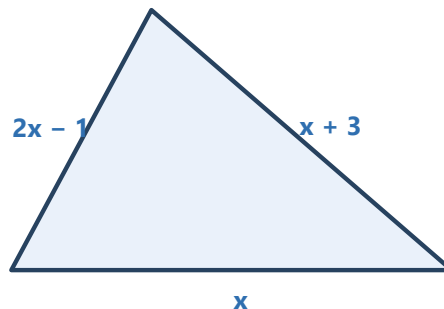
(c) Multiply n by itself, then add 3

Answer:

(d) Add 3 to n , then multiply the result by itself

Answer:

- 9 The diagram shows a triangle. The lengths are in centimetres. Write down and simplify an expression for the perimeter.



Answer:

- 10 Amir has $\pounds a$. Bea has $\pounds 5$ more than Amir. Cal has twice as much as Amir. Write an expression for the amount that:

(a) Bea has

Answer:

(b) Cal has

Answer:

(c) all three have altogether, in its simplest form

Answer:

- 11 n is a whole number. Write an expression for:

(a) the next whole number after n

Answer:

(b) the whole number just before n

Answer:

(c) the next even number after the even number $2n$

Answer:

- 12 Tia says that $3(n + 2)$ is the same as $3n + 2$. Test her idea with $n = 1$ and $n = 4$. Is she right?

Answer:

- 13 A cinema sells adult tickets for $\pounds a$ each and child tickets for $\pounds c$ each. A family buys 3 adult tickets and 2 child tickets. Write an expression for the total cost in pounds.

Answer:

- 14 n is a whole number. Explain why $2n$ is always even and why $2n + 1$ is always odd.

Answer:

- 15** A rectangle has width w cm. Its length is 3 cm more than twice its width. Write and simplify an expression for the perimeter of the rectangle. Explain why the perimeter is always a multiple of 6.



Answer: _____