

## LESSON

## 1-2

**Puzzles, Twisters & Teasers****Riddle Me This***What did the cucumber say to the vinegar?*

To find out, choose the correct algebraic expression for each word phrase. Then find the letter associated with each expression you wrote to complete the decoder below.



1. 8 more than twice
- $n$

$8 - 2n$     **T**         $8n + 2$     **U**

$2n - 8$     **V**         $8 + 2n$     **P**

2. 3 less than the product of 4 and
- $n$

$3 - 4n$     **F**         $3n - 4$     **G**

$4n - 3$     **K**         $4n + 3$     **L**

3. 9 more than the product of 6 and
- $n$

$9 - 6n$     **F**         $6n + 9$     **E**

$9n + 6$     **D**         $6n - 9$     **G**

4. 3 more than the quotient of 4 and
- $n$

$\frac{4}{n} + 3$     **C**         $\frac{n}{4} + 3$     **D**

$\frac{(n+3)}{4}$     **E**         $\frac{n}{3} + 4$     **F**

5. 1 divided by the sum of 2 and
- $n$

$\frac{1}{2} + n$     **J**         $\frac{(n+1)}{2}$     **K**

$\frac{1}{n} + 2$     **L**         $\frac{1}{(2+n)}$     **I**

6. 5 less than
- $n$
- divided by 6

$\frac{n}{6} - 5$     **L**         $\frac{n}{5} - 6$     **Q**

$5 - \frac{n}{6}$     **M**         $6 - \frac{n}{5}$     **U**

- 7.
- $\frac{1}{3}$
- of the sum of 9 and
- $n$

$9 + \frac{n}{3}$     **M**         $\frac{1}{3}(9) + n$     **O**

$\frac{1}{3}(n+9)$     **N**         $\frac{1}{3} + 9n$     **I**

8. 12 times the sum of 8 and
- $n$

$12(8) + n$     **S**         $12(n-8)$     **T**

$12(n+8)$     **R**         $12n + 8$     **U**

9. half the sum of
- $n$
- and 20

$\frac{1}{2}(20n)$     **B**         $\frac{1}{2} + 20n$     **L**

$\frac{(n+20)}{2}$     **A**         $\frac{n}{2} + 20$     **R**

10. twice the quotient of
- $n$
- and 10

$2(\frac{n}{10})$     **W**         $2n + 10$     **M**

$2n - 10$     **N**         $2 + \frac{n}{10}$     **O**

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# **Challenge**

## **1-2 Amazing Math**

Write an algebraic expression for each word phrase on the board. Evaluate each expression for  $x = 2$ .

Then find a path from the top row to the bottom row that gives a total of 22.

3 times $x$ $3x = 6$	1 less than twice $x$ $2x - 1 = 3$	6 more than $x$ $x + 6 = 8$	$x$ increased by 3 $x + 3 = 5$	the quotient of twice $x$ and 2 $\frac{2x}{2} = 2$
1 more than $x$ $x + 1 = 3$	the product of 3 and $x$ $3x = 6$	$x$ decreased by 1 $x - 1 = 1$	half of $x$ $\frac{x}{2} = 1$	twice $x$ increased by 3 $2x + 3 = 7$
1 less than 3 times $x$ $3x - 1 = 5$	the difference between 3 and $x$ $3 - x = 1$	the difference between 2 and $x$ $2 - x = 0$	the product of 4 and $x$ $4x = 8$	the sum of 6 and twice $x$ $6 + 2x = 10$
twice $x$ $2x = 4$	the difference between $x$ and 1 $x - 1 = 1$	the sum of $x$ and 5 $x + 5 = 7$	1 more than half of $x$ $\frac{x}{2} + 1 = 2$	the product of 4 and 3 times $x$ $4(3x) = 24$
$x$ increased by 2 $x + 2 = 4$	the quotient of $x$ and 2 $\frac{x}{2} = 1$	7 increased by $x$ $7 + x = 9$	the quotient of 6 and $x$ $\frac{6}{x} = 3$	5 times $x$ divided by 2 $\frac{5x}{2} = 5$

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# **Problem Solving**

## **1-2 Writing Algebraic Expressions**

Write the correct answer.

- Morton bought 15 new books to add to his collection of books  $b$ . Write an algebraic expression to evaluate the total number of books in Morton's collection if he had 20 books in his collection.

$15 + b$ ; 35 books

- Helen bought 3 shirts that each cost  $s$  dollars. Write an algebraic expression to evaluate how much Helen spent in all if each shirt cost \$22.

$3s$ ; \$66

- Paul exercises  $m$  minutes per day 5 days a week. Write an algebraic expression to evaluate how many minutes Paul exercises each week if he exercises 45 minutes per day.

$5m$ ; 225 minutes

- Claire makes  $b$  bracelets to divide evenly among four friends and herself. Write an algebraic expression to evaluate the number of bracelets each person will receive if Claire makes 15 bracelets.

$\frac{b}{5}$ ; 3 bracelets

Choose the letter for the best answer.

- Jonas collects baseball cards. He has 245 cards in his collection. For his birthday, he received  $r$  more cards, then he gave his brother  $g$  cards. Which algebraic expression represents the total number of cards he now has in his collection?  
A  $245 + r + g$   
B  $245 - r - g$   
C  $245 + r - g$   
D  $r + g - 245$

- Monique is saving money for a computer. She has  $m$  dollars saved. For her birthday, her dad doubled her money, but then she spent  $s$  dollars on a shirt. Which algebraic expression represents the amount of money she has now saved for her computer?  
F  $m + 2 - s$   
G  $2m - s$   
H  $2m + s$   
J  $m + 2s$

- Which algebraic expression represents the number of years in  $m$  months?  
A  $12m$   
B  $\frac{m}{12}$   
C  $12 + m$   
D  $12 - m$

- Which algebraic expression represents how many minutes are in  $h$  hours?  
F  $60h$   
G  $\frac{h}{60}$   
H  $h + 60$   
J  $h - 60$

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# **Reading Strategies**

## **1-2 Multiple-Meaning Phrases**

Identifying word phrases for different operations can help you write algebraic expressions. Use this table for four operations.

Addition	Subtraction	Multiplication	Division
$m + 10$	$z - 5$	$2y$	$a \div 2$
a number plus 10	a number minus 5	2 times a number	a number divided by 2
add 10 to a number	subtract 5 from a number	2 multiplied by a number	one-half of a number
the sum of a number and 10	5 less than a number	twice a number	the quotient of a number with a divisor of 2
10 more than a number	a number decreased by 5	the product of 2 and a number	

The order of values and variables is very important when you are evaluating expressions with subtraction or division.

"5 less than a number" means  $z - 5$ , **not**  $5 - z$ .

"A number divided by 6" means  $a \div 6$ , **not**  $6 \div a$ .

Write a word phrase for each algebraic expression.

- $7w$  seven times a number
- $h - 12$  12 less than a number
- $t \div 6$  a number divided by 6
- $3(p + 8)$  3 times the sum of a number and 8

Write an algebraic expression for each word phrase.

- a number  $z$  decreased by 4  $z - 4$
- 4 times the sum of  $n$  and 9  $4(n + 9)$
- the quotient of a number  $r$  with a divisor of 7  $r \div 7$
- a number  $n$  increased by 32  $n + 32$

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- $\frac{1}{3}$  of the sum of 9 and  $n$   
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 $2n - 10$  N  $2 + \frac{n}{10}$  O

W	e	a	r	e	i	n
10	3	9	8	3	5	7
a	p	i	c	k	l	e
9	1	5	4	2	6	3

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