

Lesson 5.1 Algebraic Expressions

Objective: To evaluate simple algebraic expressions when given the value of the variable.

Ex. 1: Evaluate $8w - 2v$ if $w = 5$ and $v = 3$.

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$$8 \cdot 5 - 2 \cdot 3$$
$$40 - 6 = \boxed{34}$$

Ex. 2: Evaluate $4y^3 + 2$ if $y = 3$.

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$$4 \cdot 3^3 + 2$$

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$$3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3$$

$$4 \cdot 27 + 2$$

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$$108 + 2 = \boxed{110}$$

Ex. 3: Athletic trainers use the formula $\frac{3(220 - a)}{5}$. This formula is used to find their minimum training heart rate. Find Liana's minimum training heart rate if she is 15.

$$\frac{3(220 - 15)}{5} = \frac{3(205)}{5} = \frac{615}{5} = 5 \sqrt{615}$$

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$$\boxed{= 123 \text{ beats per minute}}$$

Ex. 4 Marisa wants to buy a DVD player that costs \$150. She already saved \$25 and plans to save an additional \$10 each week. Write an expression that represents the total amount of money Marisa has saved after any number of weeks.

$W = \#$ of weeks.

$$25 + 10w$$

Algebraic expressions need:

- Variable
- an operation
- Number(s)