

Writing and Defining Expressions

1. Write an expression for each problem. Define a variable if you use one.

- A piece of ribbon is 20 cm long. Emerald cut it into 4 pieces to do her 4 sister's hair
- Emily bought some ice cream cones which cost \$24. She paid \$30.
- Margaret has 15 yards of fabric and she is making dresses for p dolls.
- In Megan's sewing kit, there are 5 bundles of thread. Each bundle has t feet of thread.
- The beach is 18 miles farther than the park p .
- Olivia had 14 needles in her sewing kit but she lost n needles.
- After a \$10 discount, Emma paid \$ m for her new sewing machine.

Solution:

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2. Define a variable and explain what it represents. Use the variable to write an expression for each problem.

- A roll of ribbon is g inches long. There are 6 colors of ribbons. Amelia used 2 inches from each roll.
- Kim bought 2 bottles of water, 500ml each. After Kim and her sister drank z ml from the bottles, they have a total of 350ml of water left.
- Angela shared a cab with her friends. They evenly divided the \$ j fare among the three of them. Angel also paid a \$5 tip. How much did Angela pay in total?
- Sunny earns \$12 per hour delivering cakes. She worked for t hours this week. Unfortunately, she was charged \$15 for a late delivery on Tuesday.
- Sarah received \$55 for her birthday. She used some of that money to buy 3 shirts priced \$ m each.

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3. Four friends evenly divided up an n -slice pizza. One of the friends, Harris, ate 1 fewer slice than he receive. How many slices of pizza did Harris eat?

Solution:

4. A large pizza costs \$18. Each topping you add on costs \$1.50. How much would it cost to get a large cheese pizza with c toppings added?

Solution:

5. Liam had \$250. Then, he and his classmates bought a present for their teacher, evenly splitting the \$ p cost among the 24 of them. How much money does Liam have left?

Solution:

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- a. $\frac{20}{4}$
- b. $30 - 24$
- c. $\frac{15}{p}$ where p = number of dolls
- d. $5 \times t$ where t = length of each thread
- e. $18 + p$ where p = distance to the park
- f. $14 - n$ where n = number of lost needles
- g. $10 + m$ where m = original price of sewing machine

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- a. $6 \times (g - 2)$ where g = length for each color of ribbons
- b. $(2 \times 500) - z$ where z = amount of water Kim and her sister drank
- c. $\frac{j}{3} + 5$ where j = total amount of fare
- d. $12t - 15$ where t = total hours Sunny worked for the week
- e. $55 - 3m$ where m = price of each shirt

3. $\frac{n}{4} - 1$

4. $18 + 1.50c$

5. $250 - \frac{p}{24}$