

1-1 Variables in Sentences

Warm-up

1. Name 2 similarities and 2 differences between the following...

$$4x + 2 = 10 \quad 4x + 2$$

Similarities:

1. both adding
2. both have $4x$

Differences:

1. only one has $= 10$
2. —

2. What is a verb?

an action word (equals or is)

3. Define the following symbols...

- inequality
- a) $<$ less than
 - b) $>$ greater than
 - c) \geq greater than or equal to
 - d) \leq less than or equal to
 - e) $\sqrt{\quad}$ square root
 - f) \approx about/approximately
 - g) \neq not equal to

Vocabulary	Definition	Example
Variable	a letter used to represent a #	$x, y, n, a,$
Sentence	has an equal or inequality sign	$2x + 3 = 9$
Math Verbs	$=, \neq, <, >, \leq, \geq$	
Equation	has an $=$	$2 + 2 = 4$ or $2x + 2 = 4$
add Expression	No $=$ sign	$2x + 2$
Inequality	$<, >, \leq, \geq$	$4 < 7$
Open Sentence	has a variable	$2x + 2 = 4$
Solution	The answer	$x + 5 = 9$ $x = 4$

1. Write an inequality that compares $\frac{2}{5}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$.

$$\frac{2}{5} = \frac{2 \times 4}{5 \times 4} = \frac{8}{20}$$

$$\frac{3}{4} = \frac{3 \times 5}{4 \times 5} = \frac{15}{20}$$

$$\frac{2}{5} < \frac{3}{4}$$

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$$.40 < .75$$

2. Which numbers 7, 8, 9, or ~~10~~ is a solution to the following open sentence?

$$2x + 42 > 7x$$

yes!

$x=7$?

$$2 \cdot 7 + 42 > 7 \cdot 7$$

$$14 + 42 > 49$$

$$56 > 49$$

Yes

yes

$x=8$?

$$2 \cdot 8 + 42 > 7 \cdot 8$$

$$16 + 42 > 56$$

$$58 > 56$$

yes

~~$x=9$~~ ?

$$2 \cdot 9 + 42 > 7 \cdot 9$$

$$18 + 42 > 63$$

$$60 > 63$$

Nope

3. Find all solutions to $x^2 = 81$.

$$x \cdot x = 81$$

$$9 \cdot 9 = 81 \text{ AND } -9 \cdot -9 = 81$$

$$x=9 \quad x=-9$$

4. Find all integer solutions to $x^3 = -8$.

$-3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$$x \cdot x \cdot x = -8$$

$$-2 \cdot -2 \cdot -2 = -8$$

$$x = -2$$

5. Bob earns more than \$25 a week.

a) Write an open sentence describing the amounts e that Bob can earn in a week.

has a variable

$e = \text{money earned}$

$$e > 25$$

b) List three possible solutions.

$$\$26, \$50, \$31$$