# Translate each sentence into an equation.

1. The sum of three times a and four is the same as five times a.

#### SOLUTION:

Rewrite the verbal sentence so it is easier to translate. The sum of three times a and four is the same as five times a is the same as three times a plus four equals five times a.

three	plus	four	equals	five
times a				times
number a				a
				number
				a
3a	+	4	=	5 <i>a</i>

The equation is 3a + 4 = 5a.

2. One fourth of m minus six is equal to two times the sum of m and 9.

# SOLUTION:

Rewrite the verbal sentence so it is easier to translate. One fourth of m minus six is equal to two times the sum of m and 9 is the same as One fourth times m minus six is equal to two times the quantity m plus 9.

one fourth of <i>m</i>	minus	six	equals	two times the quantity m plus 9
$\frac{1}{4}m$	_	6	=	2(m+9)

The equation is  $\frac{1}{4}m - 6 = 2(m+9)$ .

3. The product of five and w is the same as w to the third power.

#### SOLUTION:

Rewrite the verbal sentence so it is easier to translate. The product of five and w is the same as w to the third power is the same as five times w equals w to the third power.

The equation is  $5w = w^3$ .

4. **MARBLES** Drew has 50 red, green and blue marbles. He has six more red marbles than blue marbles and four fewer green marbles than blue marbles. Write and solve an equation to determine how many blue marbles Drew has.

### SOLUTION:

To write the equation, let b = the number of blue marbles. Express the other colors in terms of b.

Six more red than	and	four fewer green than	plus	blue	equals	50
blue		blue				
<i>b</i> + 6	+	b-4	+	b	=	50

The equation is 3b + 2 = 50.

$$3b+2=50$$

$$3b+2-2=50-2$$

$$3b=48$$

$$\frac{3b}{3}=\frac{48}{3}$$

$$b=16$$

Drew has 16 blue marbles.

Solve each equation. Check your solution.

$$5.p + 8 = 13$$

SOLUTION:

$$p+8=13$$
$$p+8-8=13-8$$
$$p=5$$

Check:

$$p+8=13$$
  
 $5+8=13$   
 $13=13$ 

$$6.-26 = b - 3$$

SOLUTION:

$$-26 = b - 3$$
  
 $-26 + 3 = b - 3 + 3$   
 $-23 = b$   
Check:  
 $-26 = b - 3$ 

$$-26 = -23 - 3$$
  
 $-26 = -26$ 

7. 
$$\frac{t}{6} = 3$$

SOLUTION:

$$\frac{t}{6} = 3$$

$$6\left(\frac{t}{6}\right) = 6(3)$$

$$t = 18$$

Check:

$$\frac{t}{6} = 3$$

$$\frac{18}{6}^{?} = 3$$

$$3 = 3$$

# 8. MULTIPLE CHOICE

Solve the equation  $\frac{3}{5}a = \frac{1}{4}$ .

A 
$$\frac{3}{20}$$

**B** 2

$$C \frac{5}{12}$$

$$D -3$$

SOLUTION:

$$\frac{3}{5}a = \frac{1}{4}$$
 Original equation

$$\frac{5}{3} \left( \frac{3}{5} a \right) = \frac{5}{3} \left( \frac{1}{4} \right)$$
 Multiply each side by  $\frac{5}{3}$ .

$$a = \frac{5}{12}$$
 Simplify.

Choice C is the correct answer.

# Solve each equation. Check your solution.

9. 
$$2x + 5 = 13$$

# SOLUTION:

$$2x + 5 = 13$$
 Original

$$2x + 5 - 5 = 13 - 5$$
 Subtract 5.

$$2x = 8$$
 Simplify.

$$\frac{2x}{2} = \frac{8}{2}$$
 Divide by 2.

$$x = 4$$
 Simplify.

### Check:

$$2x + 5 = 13$$

$$2(4)+5=13$$

$$13 = 13$$

$$10. -21 = 7 - 4y$$

### SOLUTION:

$$-21=7-4y$$
 Original

$$-21-7=7-7-4y$$
 Subtract 7.

$$-28 = -4y$$
 Simplify.

$$\frac{-28}{-4} = \frac{-4y}{-4}$$
 Divide by -4.

$$7 = y$$
 Simplify.

#### Check:

$$-21 = 7 - 4y$$

$$-21 = 7 - 4(7)$$

$$-21 = 7 - 28$$

$$-21 = -21$$

11. 
$$\frac{m}{6} - 3 = 8$$

# SOLUTION:

$$\frac{m}{6} - 3 = 8$$
 Original equation

$$\frac{m}{6} - 3 + 3 = 8 + 3$$
 Add 3 to each side.

$$\frac{m}{6} = 11$$
 Simplify.

$$6\left(\frac{m}{6}\right) = 6(11)$$
 Mutiply each side by 6.

$$m = 66$$
 Simplify.

# Check:

$$\frac{m}{6} - 3 = 8$$

$$\frac{66}{6} - 3 = 8$$

$$8 = 8$$

12. 
$$-4 = \frac{d+3}{5}$$

# SOLUTION:

$$-4 = \frac{d+3}{5}$$
 Original

$$-4(5) = \left(\frac{d+3}{5}\right)(5)$$
 Multiply by 5.

$$-20 = d + 3$$
 Simplify.

$$-20-3=d+3-3$$
 Subtract 3.

$$-23 = d$$
 Simplify.

#### Check:

$$-4 = \frac{d+3}{5}$$

$$-4 = \frac{^{?}-23+3}{5}$$

$$-4 = \frac{^{?}}{5}$$

$$-4 = -4$$

- 13. **FISH** The average length of a yellow–banded angelfish is 12 inches. This is 4.8 times as long as an average common goldfish.
  - **a.** Write an equation you could use to find the length of the average common goldfish.
  - **b.** What is the length of an average common goldfish?

#### SOLUTION:

**a.** To write the equation, let g = the length of the average common goldfish.

length of	is	4.8	times as long as	an average
yellow-banded				common
angelfish				goldfish
12	=	4.8	•	g

The equation is 12 = 4.8g.

b.

$$12 = 4.8g$$

$$\frac{12}{48} = \frac{4.8g}{48}$$

$$2.5 = g$$

The length of the average common goldfish is 2.5 inches.

### Write an equation and solve each problem.

14. Three less than three fourths of a number is negative 9. Find the number.

#### SOLUTION:

To write the equation, rewrite the sentence and let *n* represent the unknown number. *Three less than three fourths of a number is negative 9* is the same as *three fourths of a number minus three is negative 9*.

Three	of	a number	minus	three	is	negative 9.
fourths						
2						
3	•	n	_	3	=	<b>-9</b>
4						

The equation is  $\frac{3}{4}n - 3 = -9$ .

$$\frac{3}{4}n - 3 = -9$$

$$\frac{3}{4}n - 3 + 3 = -9 + 3 \quad \text{Add } 3.$$

$$\frac{3}{4}n = -6 \quad \text{Simplify.}$$

$$\frac{4}{3}\left(\frac{3}{4}n\right) = \frac{4}{3}(-6) \quad \text{Multiply by } \frac{4}{3}.$$

$$n = -8 \quad \text{Simplify.}$$

The number is -8.

15. Thirty is twelve added to six times a number. What is the number?

#### SOLUTION:

To write the equation, let n represent the unknown number.

Thirty is twelve added to six times a number. 
$$30 = 12 + 6 \cdot n$$

The equation is 30 = 12 + 6n.

$$30 = 12 + 6n$$
  
 $30 - 12 = 12 - 12 + 6n$  Subtract 12.  
 $18 = 6n$  Simplify.  
 $\frac{18}{6} = \frac{6n}{6}$  Divide by 6.  
 $3 = n$  Simplify.

The number is 3.

16. Find four consecutive integers with a sum of 106.

### SOLUTION:

To write the equation, rewrite the sentence and let n = the first of the four unknown numbers. Then the next three consecutive integers are n + 1, n + 2, and n + 3. The sum of these four integers equals 106, so the equation is n + (n + 1) + (n + 2) + (n + 3) = 106.

Solve for n.

$$n + (n+1) + (n+2) + (n+3) = 106$$
  
 $4n + 6 = 106$  Simplify.  
 $4n = 100$  Subtract.  
 $\frac{4n}{4} = \frac{100}{4}$  Divide.  
 $n = 25$  Simplify.

Substitute 25 for *n* to find remaining three numbers.

$$n + 1 = 25 + 1$$
 or 26  
 $n + 2 = 25 + 2$  or 27  
 $n + 3 = 25 + 3$  or 28

The four consecutive integers are 25, 26, 27, and 28.

# Solve each equation. Check your solution.

17. 
$$8p + 3 = 5p + 9$$

SOLUTION:

$$8p+3=5p+9$$
 Original

$$8p - 5p + 3 = 5p - 5p + 9$$
 Subtract  $5p$ .

$$3p + 3 = 9$$
 Simplify.

$$3p + 3 - 3 = 9 - 3$$
 Subtract 3.

$$3p = 6$$
 Simplify.

$$\frac{3p}{3} = \frac{6}{3}$$
 Divide by 3.

$$p=2$$
 Simplify.

Check:

$$8p + 3 = 5p + 9$$

$$8(2)+3=5(2)+9$$

$$16 + 3 = 10 + 9$$

$$19 = 19$$

$$18. \ \frac{3}{4}w + 6 = 9 - \frac{1}{4}w$$

**SOLUTION:** 

$$\frac{3}{4}w + 6 = 9 - \frac{1}{4}w$$
 Original

$$\frac{3}{4}w + \frac{1}{4}w + 6 = 9 - \frac{1}{4}w + \frac{1}{4}w \quad Add\frac{1}{4}w.$$

$$1w + 6 = 9$$

$$w + 6 - 6 = 9 - 6$$
 Subtract 6.

$$w = 3$$

Simplify.

Check:

$$\frac{3}{4}w + 6 = 9 - \frac{1}{4}w$$

$$\frac{3}{4}(3) + 6 = 9 - \frac{1}{4}(3)$$

$$\frac{9}{4} + 6 = 9 - \frac{3}{4}$$

$$8\frac{1}{4} = 8\frac{1}{4}$$

19. 
$$\frac{z+6}{3} = \frac{2z}{4}$$

SOLUTION:

$$\frac{z+6}{3} = \frac{2z}{4}$$
 Original

$$(z+6)(4) = 3(2z)$$
 Cross multply.

$$4z + 24 = 6z$$
 Distribute.

$$4z + 24 = 6z$$
 Multiply.

$$4z - 4z + 24 = 6z - 4z$$
 Subtract 4z.

$$24 = 2z$$
 Simplify.

$$\frac{24}{2} = \frac{2z}{2}$$
 Divide by 2.

$$12 = z$$
 Simplify.

Check:

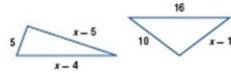
$$\frac{z+6}{3} = \frac{2z}{4}$$

$$\frac{12+6}{3} = \frac{2(12)}{4}$$

$$\frac{18}{3} = \frac{24}{4}$$

$$6 = 6$$

20. **PERIMETER** Find the value of x so that the triangles have the same perimeter.



#### SOLUTION:

To write the equation, write an expression for each perimeter. Set the expressions equal to each other: 5 + (x - 5) + (x - 4) = 16 + 10 + (x - 10).

$$5 + (x - 5) + (x - 4) = 16 + 10 + (x - 10)$$

$$2x - 4 = x + 16$$

$$2x - x - 4 = x - x + 16$$

$$x - 4 = 16$$

$$x - 4 + 4 = 16 + 4$$

$$x = 20$$

When x = 20, the triangles have the same perimeter.

21. **PRODUCTION** ABC Sporting Goods Company produces baseball gloves. Their fixed monthly production cost is \$16,000 with a per glove cost of \$15. XYZ Sporting Goods Company also produces baseball gloves. Their fixed monthly production cost is \$20,000 with a per glove cost of \$13. Find the number of gloves produced monthly, so that the total monthly production cost is the same for both companies.

#### SOLUTION:

To write the equation, write an expression for the production cost for each company.

For ABC Sporting goods, their monthly fixed cost is \$16,000 and per glove (variable) cost of \$5. Total cost for ABC is the total of the fixed and variable costs. Thus for ABC, Total cost = 16000 + 15x.

For XYZ Sporting goods, their monthly fixed cost is \$10,000 and per glove (variable) cost of \$3. Total cost for XYZ is the total of the fixed and variable costs. Thus for XYZ, Total cost = 20,000 + 13x.

Set the expressions equal to each other. The equation is 16000 + 15x = 20,000 + 13x.

$$16000 + 15x = 20,000 + 13x$$

$$16000 + 2x = 20,000$$

$$2x = 4000$$

$$\frac{2x}{2} = \frac{4000}{2}$$

$$x = 2000$$
Subtract 13x.

Divide.

Simplify.

If each company produces 2000 gloves, their total monthly production cost will be the same.

Evaluate each expression if x = -4, y = 7, and z = -9.

22. 
$$|3x - 2| + 2y$$

#### SOLUTION:

$$|3x-2| + 2y = |3(-4)-2| + 2(7)$$

$$= |-12-2| + 14$$

$$= |-14| + 14$$

$$= 14 + 14$$

$$= 28$$

23. 
$$|-4y + 2z| - 7z$$

#### SOLUTION:

$$\begin{aligned} \left| -4y + 2z \right| - 7z &= \left| -4(7) + 2(-9) \right| - 7(-9) \\ &= \left| -28 + (-18) \right| - (-63) \\ &= \left| -46 \right| + 63 \\ &= 46 + 63 \\ &= 109 \end{aligned}$$

# 24. MULTIPLE CHOICE

Solve 
$$|6m - 3| = 9$$
.  
**F** {2}  
**G** {-1, 2}  
**H** {-3, 6}  
**J** {-3, 3}  
SOLUTION:  
Case 1:

$$6m-3=9$$
  
 $6m-3+3=9+3$  Add 3 to each side.  
 $6m=12$  Simplify.  
 $\frac{6m}{6}=\frac{12}{6}$  Divide each side by 6.  
 $m=2$  Simplify.

$$6m-3=-9$$
  
 $6m-3+3=-9+3$  Add 3 to each side.  
 $6m=-6$  Simplify.  
 $\frac{6m}{6}=\frac{-6}{6}$  Divide each side by 6.  
 $m=-1$  Simplify.

The solution set is  $\{-1, 2\}$ . Choice G is correct.

25. **COFFEE** Some say to brew an excellent cup of coffee, you must have a brewing temperature of 200° F, plus or minus 5 degrees. Write and solve an equation describing the maximum and minimum brewing temperatures for an excellent cup of coffee.

### **SOLUTION:**

To write the equation, let t = the temperature of an excellent cup of coffee.

Case 1: 
$$t - 200 = 5$$

Case 2: 
$$t - 200 = -5$$

The equation is |t - 200| = 5.

Case 1:

$$t-200 = 5$$
  
 $t-200 + 200 = 5 + 200$  Add 200.  
 $t = 205$  Simplify.

Case 2:

$$t-200 = -5$$
  
 $t-200 + 200 = -5 + 200$  Add 200.  
 $t = 195$  Simplify.

The maximum brewing temperature is 205°F and the minimum brewing temperature is 195°F.