

**9.1 Classwork: Algebra skills assessment***Do not use a calculator. Do not convert values to decimals.*

Reference: Chili Math, Solving Literal Equations

<https://www.chilimath.com/lessons/intermediate-algebra/literal-equations/>**Simplify each expression by "collecting like terms"**

1. (a)  $2x + 4 - x + 11$

$$= x + 15$$

(d)  $2a + \sqrt{5} + 7a + 3\sqrt{5}$

$$= 9a + 4\sqrt{5}$$

(b)  $5y - 4 - 7y + y$

$$= -y - 4$$

(e)  $x\sqrt{3} - x\sqrt{3} + x + 1$

$$= x + 1$$

(c)  $14 + 5\pi - 2\pi + 4$

$$= 3\pi + 18$$

(f)  $3\pi x + 4 + 2\pi x - 7$

$$5\pi x - 3$$

**Solve each equation for the unknown**

One step.

2. (a)  $2x = 12$

$$x = 6$$

(c)  $3a = \pi$

$$a = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

(b)  $4z = -8$

$$z = -2$$

(d)  $2y = \sqrt{5}$

$$y = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}$$

Two steps.

3. (a)  $7x + 4 = 11$

$$x = 1$$

(c)  $4m - \sqrt{2} = 3\sqrt{2}$

$$m = \sqrt{2}$$

(b)  $-4b + 5 = -3$

$$b = 2$$

(d)  $2y - 3\pi = \pi$

$$y = 2\pi$$

## 4. Fractional coefficients

(a)  $\frac{1}{2}(6 - 2x) = 4x$

$$x = \frac{3}{5}$$

(b)  $11 = \frac{1}{3}x + 2x - 10$

$$\frac{7}{3}x = 21$$

$$x = 9$$

## Working with polynomials

## 5. Simplify each expression by "collecting like terms"

(a)  $4x^2 + 3x - 7 - 2x^2 - x + 4$

$$= 2x^2 + 2x - 3$$

(b)  $3(a^2 - 2a + 1) - 2(a^2 - a - 4)$

$$= a^2 - 4a + 11$$

## Slope-intercept form

6. What is the slope and  $y$ -intercept of each equation?

(a)  $y = 2x - 3$

$$m = 2$$

$$b = -3$$

(b)  $4x + 2y = 6$

$$y = -2x + 3$$

$$m = -2$$

$$b = 3$$

## Function substitution

7. (a) Given  $f(x) = 4x + 7$ .  
Simplify  $f(2)$ .

$$= 4(2) + 7$$

$$= 15$$

(b) Given  $f(x) = -\frac{(12 + 4x)}{11}$ .  
Simplify  $f(-3)$ .

$$= -\frac{(12 + 4(-3))}{11}$$

$$= 0$$



**Parallel and perpendicular linear equations**

8. What is the equation of the line with a slope of 2 passing through the point (0, 1)?

hint:  $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$ 

$$y - 1 = 2x$$

9. What is the equation of a line parallel to
- $y = -2x + 1$
- with a
- $y$
- intercept of 4?

$$y = -2x + 4$$

10. What is the slope of a line perpendicular to the line
- $x - 2y = 16$
- ?

$$y = \frac{1}{2}x - 8$$

$$m = \frac{1}{2}, m_{\perp} = -2$$

**Rounding and calculations**

11. Perform each calculation, writing down the full calculator display and then rounding to the nearest hundredth.

(a)  $A = 15.944732$

$$\approx 15.94$$

(e)  $V = 199.19711$

$$\approx 199.20$$

(b)  $W = 3.4 \times 9.8 \times 4.3 \times 0.15$

$$= 21.4914$$

$$\approx 21.49$$

(f)  $W = \frac{1}{3}(13)3.3^2 \times 1.175$

$$= 55.44825$$

$$\approx 55.45$$

(c)  $V = \frac{1}{3}\pi(3.4)^2(6.1)$

$$= 73.84418...$$

$$\approx 73.84$$

(g)  $V = \frac{1}{3}\pi(12.4)^2(8.1)$

$$= 1304.2384...$$

$$\approx 1304.24$$

(d)  $P = 8.6 + \frac{1}{2}\pi(8.6)$

$$= 22.10884...$$

$$\approx 22.11$$

(h)  $P = 12 + \frac{1}{4}\pi(12)$

$$= 21.42477...$$

$$\approx 21.42$$

12. Oceanside Bike Rental Shop charges a 17 dollar bike fee plus 6 dollars an hour for renting a bike. Jeffrey paid 53 dollars total. How many hours did he pay to have the bike checked out?

$$C = 6x + 17 = 53$$

$$x = 6 \text{ hours}$$

13. Three friends go bowling. The cost per person per game is \$5.30. The cost to rent shoes is \$2.50 per person. Their total cost is \$55.20. How many games did they play?

$$C = 3x(5.30) + 3(2.50) = 55.20$$

$$15.90x = 47.70$$

$$x = 3 \text{ hours}$$

$$3 \times 3 = 9 \text{ games}$$

14. The admission fee at a small fair is \$1.50 for children and \$4.00 for adults. On a certain day, 40 people enter the fair and \$85.00 is collected. How many children and how many adults attended?

$$y \text{ adults, } x \text{ children}$$

$$x + y = 40$$

$$1.50x + 4.00y = 85.00$$

$$1.50(40 - y) + 4y = 85$$

$$2.5y = 25$$

$$y = 10 \text{ adults}$$

$$x = 30 \text{ children}$$

check

$$45 + 40 = 85 \checkmark$$