

LESSON
1.1

Graphing Calculator Activity: Evaluating Expressions

For use before the lesson "Evaluating Expressions"

QUESTION How can you use a graphing calculator to evaluate an expression using the *store* feature?

You can use a graphing calculator to evaluate an expression using the *store* feature. The *store* feature is helpful if you need to use the same value for a variable in several expressions. The *store* feature is also useful to check your work.

EXAMPLE Evaluate expressions using a graphing calculator

Use a graphing calculator to evaluate the expression for $x = 4$ and $y = 5$.

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|-------------------|----------|-------------|
| a. $9 + x$ | b. $15x$ | c. $36 - x$ |
| d. $\frac{64}{x}$ | e. x^3 | f. $2xy$ |

Solution

Use the *store* feature of the calculator to store the values of the variables.

Use the following keystrokes.

4 **STO** **X,T,θ,n** **ENTER**

5 **STO** **ALPHA** [**Y**] **ENTER**

Then enter the expression in the calculator.

Use the following keystrokes.

a. 9 **+** **X,T,θ,n** **ENTER**

b. 15 **X,T,θ,n** **ENTER**

c. 36 **-** **X,T,θ,n** **ENTER**

d. 64 **÷** **X,T,θ,n** **ENTER**

e. **X,T,θ,n** **^** 3 **ENTER**

f. 2 **X,T,θ,n** **ALPHA** [**Y**] **ENTER**

9+X	13
15X	60
36-X	32

64/X	16
X^3	64
2XY	40

PRACTICE Use a calculator to evaluate the expression when $x = 3$.

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|-------------|----------|-------------------|
| 1. $x - 1$ | 2. $12x$ | 3. $\frac{48}{x}$ |
| 4. $22 + x$ | 5. x^4 | 6. $5x^2 + 3x$ |

Use a calculator to evaluate the expression when $x = 10$ and $y = 2$.

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|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 7. xy | 8. $x - y$ | 9. $4 + x + y$ |
| 10. $\frac{x}{y}$ | 11. $x^2 - y^5$ | 12. $9y + x - 15$ |

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5 **STO→** **ALPHA** **[Y]** **ENTER**

a. 9 **+** **X,T,θ,n** **ENTER**

b. 15 **X,T,θ,n** **ENTER**

c. 36 **-** **X,T,θ,n** **ENTER**

d. 64 **÷** **X,T,θ,n** **ENTER**

e. **X,T,θ,n** **^** 3 **ENTER**

f. 2 **X,T,θ,n** **ALPHA** **[Y]** **ENTER**

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From the main menu, choose RUN.

4 **→** **X,θ,T** **EXE**

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e. **X,θ,T** **^** 3 **EXE**

f. 2 **X,θ,T** **ALPHA** **[Y]** **EXE**