LESSON

Study Guide

For use with the lesson "Write Expressions"

GOAL Translate verbal phrases into expressions.

Vocabulary

A **verbal model** describes a situation using words as labels and using math symbols to relate the words.

A **rate** is a fraction that compares two quantities measured in different units.

A **unit rate** is a rate whose fraction has a denominator of 1.

EXAMPLE 1 Translate verbal phrases into expressions

Translate the phrase into an expression.

- **a.** 8 more than the product of 5 times a number *w*
- **b.** The quotient of 11 and the sum of 7 and a number x
- c. The square of a number y decreased by 13

Solution

	Verbal Phrase	Expression
a.	8 more than the product of 5 times a number w	8 + 5w
b.	The quotient of 11 and the sum of 7 and a number x	$\frac{11}{7+x}$
C.	The square of a number y decreased by 13	$y^2 - 13$

Exercises for Example 1

Translate the phrase into an expression.

- 1. The difference of 3 times a number *m* and 5
- **2.** 26 divided by a number *n*
- **3.** $\frac{1}{3}$ of a number p
- **4.** The sum of 9 and the square of a number *k*

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EXAMPLE2 Use a verbal model to write an expression

A student reads p pages of a 230-page book. Write an expression for the number of unread pages in the book.

Solution

STEP 1 Write a verbal model. Pages in book – Pages read

STEP 2 Translate the verbal model				
	into an algebraic expression.	230	_	р

An expression that represents the number of unread pages in the book is 230 - p.

Exercises for Example 2

Write an expression for the situation.

- 5. Total cost of *n* notebooks if each notebook costs \$1.25
- 6. The time it takes to get to school and home again if you walk 5 minutes to the bus stop and ride the bus for *m* minutes

EXAMPLE3 Find a unit rate

An airport checks in 460 passengers in 5 hours. Find the unit rate.

Solution

 $\frac{460 \text{ passengers}}{5 \text{ hours}} = \frac{460 \text{ passengers} \div 5}{5 \text{ hours} \div 5} = \frac{92 \text{ passengers}}{1 \text{ hour}}$

The unit rate is 92 passengers per hour.

Exercises for Example 3

Find the unit rate.

-	129 miles
/.	6 gallons

9. $\frac{$28}{4 \text{ tickets}}$

8.	$\frac{18 \text{ people}}{3 \text{ tables}}$
	1500 meter

10. $\frac{1500 \text{ meters}}{7.5 \text{ minutes}}$

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