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Review - Part 2

Algebraic Expressions

Solving Equations

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A variable is a placeholder for some value.

You can think of it like a box that holds some value.
We just use letters of the alphabet because that's much easier than drawing boxes or jars or bags.



* containers
as
variables

What is

$$3 \text{ [box]} + 2 \text{ [bucket]} = ?$$

$$3(3) + 2(2) = 9 + 4 = 13$$

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A variable is a placeholder for some value.
To evaluate an expression with variables, substitute a given number in place of the variable.

if $x = -2$ and $y = 3$ then

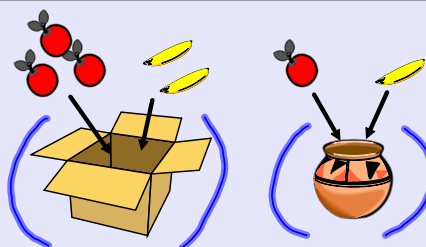
$$\begin{aligned} 2x^2 - y &= 2(-2)^2 - (3) \\ &= 2(-2)(-2) - 3 \\ &= 8 - 3 \\ &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (-2)^2 &= -\cancel{2}^2 \\ &= -\cancel{4} \end{aligned}$$

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To simplify an expression:

1. Expand any brackets
2. Collect like terms



$$\begin{aligned} &2 \text{ (box)} + 3 \text{ (jar)} \\ &= (6 \text{ apples} + 4 \text{ bananas}) + (3 \text{ apples} + 3 \text{ bananas}) \\ &= 9 \text{ apples} + 7 \text{ bananas} \end{aligned}$$

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To simplify an expression:

1. Expand any brackets
2. Collect like terms

① Use the distributive property to multiply a single term into a bracket.

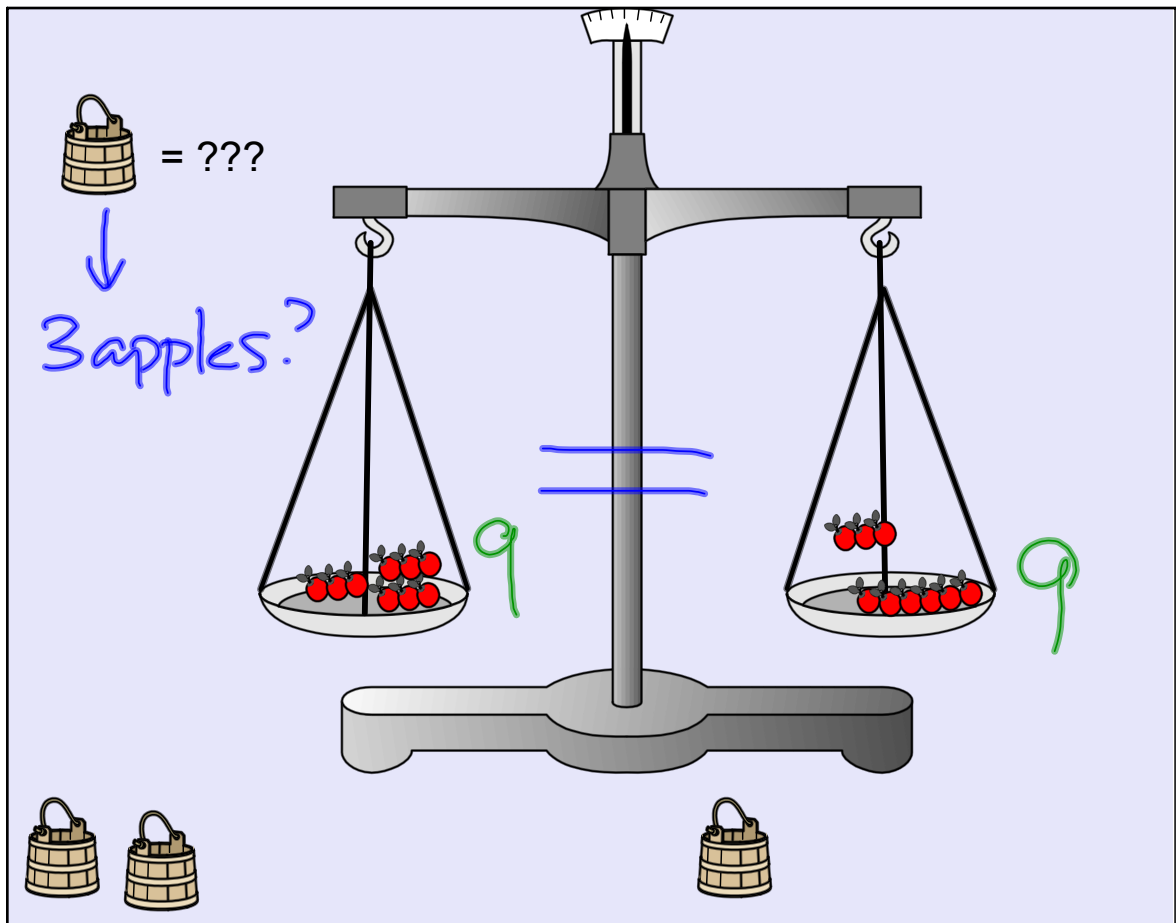
② Like Terms have the same variables, and matching variables have the same exponent.

$$2(2x^2 + 3) + 1(-x^2 - 2x) - 5$$

$$= \underline{4x^2} + \underline{6} - \underline{x^2} - \underline{2x} - 5$$

$$= 3x^2 - 2x + 1$$

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Weight - beam balance

An equation has an expression on each side of an equal sign.

To solve an equation, find the value that makes the left side (LS) equal to the right side (RS). This value is called the solution or root of the equation.

Isolate the variable

(a) $2x + 3 = x + 6$

$-x \quad -3 \quad -x \quad -3$

$x = 3$

(b) $y + 6(y - 3) = 2(3y - 2)$

$y + 6y - 18 = 6y - 4$

$7y - 18 = 6y - 4$

$-6y + 18 \quad -6y + 18$

$y = 14$

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Assigned Work:

(odd letters only)

p.19 # 1, 2, 3, 5

p.22 # 4 - 7

p.23 # 1 - 4

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