

2.4 Write Multiplication Expressions

You can write multiplication expressions using different symbols:

$$45 \times 5 \qquad 45 \cdot 5 \qquad 45(5)$$

These are known as numerical expressions.

Numerical expressions: a mathematical phrase containing only numbers and operations.

You can write an algebraic expression to represent an unknown part of the problem:

$$45 \times d \qquad 45 \cdot d \qquad 45(d) \qquad 45d$$

These are known as algebraic expressions.

Algebraic expressions: a mathematical phrase containing numbers, operations, and variables.

$45 \times d$

$45 \cdot d$

$45(d)$

$45d$

You can read each of these algebraic expressions in several ways:

45 times d

45 multiplied by d

the product of 45 and d

45 groups of d

Example: Write each word phrase as a numerical expression.

1.) eight times four and two tenths

$$8 \cdot 4.2 \text{ or } 8(4.2)$$

2.) fifteen multiplied by one

$$15 \cdot 1 \text{ or } 15(1)$$

Example: Write each phrase as an algebraic expression. (Use y as a variable.)

3.) a number multiplied by seven

$$y \cdot 7$$

$$y(7)$$

$$7y$$

4.) six multiplied by some number

$$6 \cdot y$$

$$6(y)$$

$$6y$$

Example: Write each expression as a word phrase.

5.) $45n$

45 multiplied by n
 45 times n
 the product of 45 and n
 45 groups of n

6.) $2.12g$

2.12 multiplied by g
 2.12 times g
 the product of 2.12 and g
 2.12 groups of g

7.) $24 \cdot 5.4x$

24 times 5.4 times x
 24 multiplied by 5.4 times x
 the product of 24 and 5.4 times x
 24 groups of 5.4 times x

Example: Write each phrase as an algebraic expression.

8.) the product of three and six hundredths and some number

Let p be the number.

$$3.6 \cdot p \quad 3.6p \quad 3.6(p)$$

9.) 18 times a number

Let v be a number.

$$18(v) \quad 18 \cdot v \quad 18v$$

10.) the product of four and some number multiplied by 29

Let i be some number.

$$4 \cdot i(29) \quad 4i \cdot 29$$

$$4 \cdot i \cdot 29 \quad 4i(29)$$

Example: **PROBLEM SOLVING**

11.) A farmer sells apples for \$0.65 each. How much do g apples cost?

$$0.65 \cdot g \quad 0.65(g)$$
$$0.65g$$

12.) Sela runs 2.5 miles each day for some number of days. What expression represents the total number of miles Sela runs?

Let p be the number of days

$$2.5 \cdot p \quad 2.5(p)$$
$$2.5p$$