

Lesson 20: Writing and Evaluating Expressions—Multiplication and Division

Classwork

Example 1

1. The farmers' market is selling bags of apples. In every bag, there are 3 apples.
- a. Complete the table.

Number of Bags	Total Number of Apples
1	3
2	
3	
4	
B	

- b. What if the market had 25 bags of apples to sell? How many apples is that in all?
- c. If a truck arrived that had some number, a , more apples on it, then how many bags would the clerks use to bag up the apples?
- d. If a truck arrived that had 600 more apples on it, how many bags would the clerks use to bag up the apples?
- e. How is part (d) different from part (b)?

Exercises

1. In New York State, there is a five-cent deposit on all carbonated beverage cans and bottles. When you return the empty can or bottle, you get the five cents back.
- a. Complete the table.

Number of Containers Returned	Refund in Dollars
1	
2	
3	
4	
10	
50	
100	
C	

- b. If we let C represent the number of cans, what is the expression that shows how much money is returned?
- c. Use the expression to find out how much money Brett would receive if he returned 222 cans.
- d. If Gavin needs to earn \$4.50 for returning cans, how many cans does he need to collect and return?
- e. How is part (d) different from part (c)?

2. The fare for a subway or a local bus ride is \$2.50.
- a. Complete the table.

Number of Rides	Cost of Rides in Dollars
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
10	
30	
R	

- b. If we let R represent the number of rides, what is the expression that shows the cost of the rides?
- c. Use the expression to find out how much money 60 rides would cost.
- d. If a commuter spends \$175.00 on subway or bus rides, how many trips did the commuter take?
- e. How is part (d) different from part (c)?

Challenge Problem

3. A pendulum swings through a certain number of cycles in a given time. Owen made a pendulum that swings 12 times every 15 seconds.
- a. Construct a table showing the number of cycles through which a pendulum swings. Include data for up to one minute. Use the last row for C cycles, and write an expression for the time it takes for the pendulum to make C cycles.

- b. Owen and his pendulum team set their pendulum in motion and counted 16 cycles. What was the elapsed time?
- c. Write an expression for the number of cycles a pendulum swings in S seconds.
- d. In a different experiment, Owen and his pendulum team counted the cycles of the pendulum for 35 seconds. How many cycles did they count?