

# Variables Worksheet Answer Key

## *More x's and y's Than a Bucket of Chromosomes*

Express the following statements as algebraic expressions.

1. The temperature  $T$  fell by  $10^{\circ}\text{F}$ . What is the current temperature?

$$(T - 10)^{\circ}\text{F}$$

2. Bill is 2 years older than his brother Harry, who is  $A$  years old. How old is Bill?

$$(A + 2) \text{ years}$$

3. A cake weighing  $w$  lbs is divided into 8 pieces. What is the weight of each piece?

$$\frac{w}{8} \text{ lbs}$$

4. What is four less than thrice a number  $x$ ?

$$3x - 4$$

5. Jim can run 3 miles in half an hour. How many miles can he cover in  $t$  minutes?

$$\frac{3}{30}t = 0.1t \text{ miles}$$

6. If Jane got 10 out of  $p$  problems wrong, how many did she get right?

$$(p - 10) \text{ problems}$$

7. Bob has gained  $15\frac{1}{2}$  pounds in one month and weighs  $x$  lbs now. How much did Bob weigh last month?

$$(x - 15\frac{1}{2}) \text{ lbs}$$

8. There are  $b$  boys in a class of 30 students. How many girls are there?

$$(30 - b) \text{ girls}$$

9. What is three more than half of a number  $n$ ?

$$3 + \frac{1}{2}n$$

10. Sarah spent 40 minutes more on the bicycle than she did on the Stairmaster. If she spent  $s$  mins on the Stairmaster, how long was she on the bicycle?

$$(s + 40) \text{ mins}$$

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