

Skills Practice

Algebra: Write Expressions

Define a variable. Then write each phrase as an algebraic expression.

1. one more ball than is on the playground
2. three more cookies than are in the jar
3. twelve fewer questions than were on the first test
4. eight dollars more than the shirt costs
5. three times as many drinks on the tray
6. five dollars less than Yumi's pay
7. The English class has half as many students as the math class.
8. one third of Emily's age
9. ten times the minutes spent exercising
10. **MAIL** Spencer bought 3 books of stamps and mailed a package. It cost \$4.50 to mail the package. Define a variable and write an expression to represent the total amount he spent at the post office.