

# Evaluating Two Variables

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## Quick Review and Helpful Hints

When an expression has two variables, substitute a value for *each* one (in parentheses), then simplify using the order of operations. Be sure to replace every copy of each variable before you start computing.

▶ **Example:** Evaluate  $2x + 3y$  when  $x = 4$  and  $y = 2$ . **Work:** Substitute both values:  $2(4) + 3(2)$ . Multiply each term first:  $8 + 6$ . Then add. ★ **Answer:** 14

## ◆ Practice Problems

Evaluate each expression for the given values.

1.  $x + y$ , when  $x = 5$ ,  $y = 3$

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2.  $xy$ , when  $x = 6$ ,  $y = 4$

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3.  $2x + y$ , when  $x = 3$ ,  $y = 7$

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4.  $x - y$ , when  $x = 10$ ,  $y = 4$

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5.  $3x + 2y$ , when  $x = 2$ ,  $y = 5$

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6.  $xy + 1$ , when  $x = 4$ ,  $y = 3$

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7.  $x^2 + y$ , when  $x = 3$ ,  $y = 8$

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8.  $2(x + y)$ , when  $x = 5$ ,  $y = 1$

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9.  $5x - y$ , when  $x = 4$ ,  $y = 6$

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10.  $\frac{x}{y}$ , when  $x = 12$ ,  $y = 3$

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11.  $x^2 + y^2$ , when  $x = 3$ ,  $y = 4$

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12.  $xy - x$ , when  $x = 5$ ,  $y = 2$

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13.  $4x + y$ , when  $x = -2$ ,  $y = 10$

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14.  $x - 2y$ , when  $x = 9$ ,  $y = 3$

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## ◆ Word Problems

15. The area of a rectangle is  $A = lw$ . Find the area when  $l = 8$  m and  $w = 5$  m.

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16. The perimeter of a rectangle is  $2l + 2w$ . Find it when  $l = 7$  ft and  $w = 3$  ft.

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17. A worker earns  $15h + 20b$  dollars for  $h$  hours plus  $b$  bonuses. Find the pay when  $h = 6$  and  $b = 2$ .

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18. The expression  $\frac{a + b}{2}$  gives the average of two test scores. Find it when  $a = 88$  and  $b = 92$ .

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## Answer Keys

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### Step-by-Step Explanations

1. Start by naming the process: Read what the problem is asking, choose the matching rule, write the setup, and then simplify one step at a time. The setup/work is  $5 + 3 = 8$ . So the final answer is 8.
2. A good way to think about this is: Read what the problem is asking, choose the matching rule, write the setup, and then simplify one step at a time. The setup/work is  $6 \cdot 4 = 24$ . So the final answer is 24.
3. Step by step: Read what the problem is asking, choose the matching rule, write the setup, and then simplify one step at a time. The setup/work is  $2(3) + 7 = 6 + 7 = 13$ . So the final answer is 13.
4. Take it one move at a time: Read what the problem is asking, choose the matching rule, write the setup, and then simplify one step at a time. The setup/work is  $10 - 4 = 6$ . So the final answer is 6.
5. Start by naming the process: Read what the problem is asking, choose the matching rule, write the setup, and then simplify one step at a time. The setup/work is  $3(2) + 2(5) = 6 + 10 = 16$ . So the final answer is 16.
6. A good way to think about this is: Read what the problem is asking, choose the matching rule, write the setup, and then simplify one step at a time. The setup/work is  $4 \cdot 3 + 1 = 12 + 1 = 13$ . So the final answer is 13.
7. Step by step: Read what the problem is asking, choose the matching rule, write the setup, and then simplify one step at a time. The setup/work is  $3^2 + 8 = 9 + 8 = 17$ . So the final answer is 17.
8. Take it one move at a time: Read what the problem is asking, choose the matching rule, write the setup, and then simplify one step at a time. The setup/work is  $2(5 + 1) = 2(6) = 12$ . So the final answer is 12.
9. Start by naming the process: Read what the problem is asking, choose the matching rule, write the setup, and then simplify one step at a time. The setup/work is  $5(4) - 6 = 20 - 6 = 14$ . So the final answer is 14.
10. A good way to think about this is: Read what the problem is asking, choose the matching rule, write the setup, and then simplify one step at a time. The setup/work is  $\frac{12}{3} = 4$ . So the final answer is 4.
11. Step by step: Read what the problem is asking, choose the matching rule, write the setup, and then simplify one step at a time. The setup/work is  $3^2 + 4^2 = 9 + 16 = 25$ . So the final answer is 25.
12. Take it one move at a time: Read what the problem is asking, choose the matching rule, write the setup, and then simplify one step at a time. The setup/work is  $5 \cdot 2 - 5 = 10 - 5 = 5$ . So the final answer is 5.
13. Start by naming the process: Read what the problem is asking, choose the matching rule, write the setup, and then simplify one step at a time. The setup/work is  $4(-2) + 10 = -8 + 10 = 2$ . So the final answer is 2.
14. A good way to think about this is: Read what the problem is asking, choose the matching rule, write the setup, and then simplify one step at a time. The setup/work is  $9 - 2(3) = 9 - 6 = 3$ . So the final answer is 3.
15. Step by step: Read what the problem is asking, choose the matching rule, write the setup, and then simplify one step at a time. The setup/work is  $A = 8 \cdot 5 = 40$  square meters. So the final answer is  $40 \text{ m}^2$ .
16. Take it one move at a time: Read what the problem is asking, choose the matching rule, write the setup, and then simplify one step at a time. The setup/work is  $2(7) + 2(3) = 14 + 6 = 20$  feet. So the final answer is 20 ft.
17. Start by naming the process: Read what the problem is asking, choose the matching rule, write the setup, and then simplify one step at a time. The setup/work is  $15(6) + 20(2) = 90 + 40 = \$130$ . So the final answer is \$130.
18. A good way to think about this is: Read what the problem is asking, choose the matching rule, write the setup, and then simplify one step at a time. The setup/work is  $\frac{88 + 92}{2} = \frac{180}{2} = 90$ . So the final answer is 90.



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