



Match Expressions to Word Problems

Grade 3

Name: _____

Read the story; choose the correct expression.

Example: Example: John has \$10. He buys 2 candies for \$2 each. (A) $10 - 2 + 2$ (B) $10 - (2 \times 2)$ (C) $(10 - 2) \times 2$
Answer: (B)

- (1) A pet store has 5 fish tanks. Each tank has 13 goldfish. They also have 8 guppies in a separate tank. Which expression shows the total number of fish?



(A) $5 + 13 + 8$ (B) $5 \times 13 + 8$ (C) $5 \times (13 + 8)$

- (2) A baker made 4 batches of muffins, with 16 muffins in each batch. He then sold 25 muffins. Which expression shows how many muffins are left? 🍰

(A) $4 \times 16 + 25$ (B) $4 \times (16 - 25)$ (C) $4 \times 16 - 25$


- (3) Maya had 42 stickers. She put them equally into 6 sticker books. Later, her friend gave her 7 more stickers. Which expression shows how many stickers she has now? ✨

(A) $42 \div 6 + 7$ (B) $42 + 6 \div 7$ (C) $(42 + 7) \div 6$


- (4) There are 35 students in a class. 5 students are absent today. The remaining students are divided into groups of 5 for a project. Which expression shows how many groups are formed? 🧑🏫 🏠

(A) $35 - 5 \div 5$ (B) $(35 - 5) \div 5$ (C) $35 \div 5 - 5$




(5) A store received 3 boxes of crayons. Each box has 24 crayons. They also received 15 single crayons. Which expression shows the total number of crayons? 


(A) $3 + 24 + 15$ (B) $3 \times (24 + 15)$ (C) $3 \times 24 + 15$

(6) A game costs \$15. A small toy costs \$4. David buys 3 games and pays with a \$60 bill. Which expression shows how much change he should get? 

(A) $60 - 3 \times 15$ (B) $60 - (3 \times 15 + 4)$ (C) $60 - (3 + 15)$

(7) There are 50 marbles in a bag. 10 marbles are blue and are removed. The remaining marbles are shared equally among 5 friends. Which expression shows how many marbles each friend gets? 

(A) $50 - 10 \div 5$ (B) $(50 - 10) \div 5$ (C) $50 \div 5 - 10$

(8) A farmer collected 2 dozen eggs. He used 8 eggs for baking. The remaining eggs were put into cartons, with 4 eggs in each carton. Which expression shows how many cartons he filled? 

(A) $(2 \times 12 - 8) \div 4$ (B) $2 \times 12 - (8 \div 4)$ (C) $(2 \times 12) \div 4 - 8$

