

# Using Letters as Numbers

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Write expressions for each of the following sentences.

- 1) John has 9 apples and  $x$  oranges. How many apples and oranges does John have altogether?
- 2) Peter has  $y$  boxes of 8 candies. His mother gives him another 12 candies. How many candies does he have altogether?
- 3) Mira bought  $n$  pencils at \$2 each? She gave the cashier \$20. How much change did she get?
- 4) Father had 100 stickers and divided them among  $k$  boys. How many stickers did each boy get?
- 5) A girl is  $z$  years old. Here mother is 3 times older than her. How old is the girl's mother?
- 6) A boy is  $x$  years old. His father is 5 times older than him. How old are the boy and his father altogether?
- 7) Hane has 5 boxes of sweets. Each box contained  $y$  sweets. If she eats 12 sweets, how many sweets will she have left?
- 8) Mara has  $x$  apples and twice as many oranges. How many apples and bananas does Mara have?

# Answers

Write expressions for each of the following sentences.

- 1) John has 9 apples and  $x$  oranges. How many apples and oranges does John have altogether?

$$9 + x$$

- 2) Peter has  $y$  boxes of 8 candies. His mother gives him another 12 candies. How many candies does he have altogether?

$$8y + 12$$

- 3) Mira bought  $n$  pencils at \$2 each? She gave the cashier \$20. How much change did she get?

$$20 - 2n$$

- 4) Father had 100 stickers and divided them among  $k$  boys. How many stickers did each boy get?

$$100 \div k$$

- 5) A girl is  $z$  years old. Her mother is 3 times older than her. How old is the girl's mother?

$$3z$$

- 6) A boy is  $x$  years old. His father is 5 times older than him. How old are the boy and his father altogether?

$$5x + x \text{ or } 6x$$

- 7) Hane has 5 boxes of sweets. Each box contained  $y$  sweets. If she eats 12 sweets, how many sweets will she have left?

$$5y - 12$$

- 8) Mara has  $x$  apples and twice as many oranges. How many apples and oranges does Mara have?

$$x + 2x \text{ or } 3x$$