

Expression Quest

Substitute, follow the steps, and solve.

GRADE 6 • MA.6.AR.1.3

MA.6.AR.1.3 "Evaluate algebraic expressions using substitution and order of operations."

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SUBSTITUTE AND SOLVE

Replace the variable with its given value. Then use order of operations: work inside parentheses first, multiply or divide from left to right, and add or subtract from left to right.

WORKED EXAMPLE

Evaluate $8 + 5x$ when $x = 6$.

1. Substitute 6 for x : $8 + 5(6)$
2. Multiply: $8 + 30$
3. Add: 38

Answer: 38

PRACTICE 6 problems

1 Evaluate $3x + 11$ when $x = 4$.

ANSWER _____

2 Evaluate $18 - 2x$ when $x = 7$.

ANSWER _____

3 Evaluate $24/x + 9$ when $x = 3$.

ANSWER _____

4 Evaluate $7(x + 3)$ when $x = 4$.

ANSWER _____

5 Evaluate $12 + 3(x - 4)$ when $x = 9$.

ANSWER _____

6 Evaluate $30/(x + 1)$ when $x = 9$.

ANSWER _____

APPLY IT Show your work

- 1** A phone case shop charges \$12 for a design setup plus \$4 for each sticker. The cost is $4x + 12$ dollars, where x is the number of stickers. What is the cost for 9 stickers?

WORK SPACE

ANSWER _____

- 2** A game creator gives $3(x + 7)$ coins for completing x levels in a weekend challenge. How many coins does a player earn for completing 9 levels?

WORK SPACE

ANSWER _____

CHALLENGE One step up

CHALLENGE

Evaluate $36/(x - 3) + 4x$ when $x = 9$. Show your steps.

PART 1 • PRACTICE

#	PROBLEM	ANSWER
1	Evaluate $3x + 11$ when $x = 4$.	23
2	Evaluate $18 - 2x$ when $x = 7$.	4
3	Evaluate $24/x + 9$ when $x = 3$.	17
4	Evaluate $7(x + 3)$ when $x = 4$.	49
5	Evaluate $12 + 3(x - 4)$ when $x = 9$.	27
6	Evaluate $30/(x + 1)$ when $x = 9$.	3

PART 2 • APPLY IT

1. **\$48** Substitute 9 for x : $4(9) + 12$. Multiply first, then add to get 48.
2. **48 coins** Substitute 9 for x : $3(9 + 7)$. Add inside the parentheses, then multiply to get 48.

CHALLENGE

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Accept equivalent numerical work that correctly substitutes before using order of operations. For the challenge, students should subtract inside the parentheses before dividing and multiplying.