

# Model It Out

Turn real situations into one-step equations and inequalities.

GRADE 6 • 6.PAR.7

**6.PAR.7** "Write and solve one-step equations and inequalities as mathematical models to explain authentic, realistic situations."

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## BUILD AND SOLVE

Use  $x$  to stand for the unknown amount. Translate the situation into an equation or inequality, then use the inverse operation to get  $x$  alone. For an inequality, keep the sign pointing the same way when you add or subtract the same amount on both sides.

## WORKED EXAMPLE

Solve  $5x = 45$ .

1.  $5x = 45$

2. Divide both sides by 5.

3.  $x = 9$

**Answer:  $x = 9$**

## PRACTICE 6 problems

- 1** Write and solve: A library has  $x$  mystery books. It receives 17 more books and now has 46 mystery books.

**ANSWER** \_\_\_\_\_

- 2** Write and solve: A game score was  $x$  points. After losing 24 points, the score was 18 points.

**ANSWER** \_\_\_\_\_

- 3** Write and solve: Six identical art markers cost \$48. Let  $x$  be the cost of one marker.

**ANSWER** \_\_\_\_\_

- 4** Write and solve: A student has  $x$  stickers. They make 7 equal pages with 6 stickers on each page.

**ANSWER** \_\_\_\_\_

- 5** Write and solve: Your battery is at 12%. It must stay below 31% after charging  $x$  percentage points.

**ANSWER** \_\_\_\_\_

- 6** Write and solve: Four equal packs contain at least 28 trading cards total. Let  $x$  be the number of cards in each pack.

**ANSWER** \_\_\_\_\_

## APPLY IT Show your work

- 1** A student earns \$72 for a used skateboard by selling 6 bracelets for the same price. Let  $x$  be the price of one bracelet. Write and solve an equation to find  $x$ .

WORK SPACE

ANSWER \_\_\_\_\_

- 2** A gaming club has at most 56 minutes for a tournament. Each match takes 7 minutes. Let  $x$  be the number of matches. Write and solve an inequality to find how many matches the club can schedule.

WORK SPACE

ANSWER \_\_\_\_\_

## CHALLENGE One step up

### CHALLENGE

A playlist has 60 songs. You want fewer than 75 songs after adding  $x$  songs. Write and solve an inequality. Then explain why 15 is not a solution.

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## PART 1 • PRACTICE

| # | PROBLEM                                                                                                                 | ANSWER                    |
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| 1 | Write and solve: A library has $x$ mystery books. It receives 17 more books and now has 46 mystery books.               | $x + 17 = 46$ ; $x = 29$  |
| 2 | Write and solve: A game score was $x$ points. After losing 24 points, the score was 18 points.                          | $x - 24 = 18$ ; $x = 42$  |
| 3 | Write and solve: Six identical art markers cost \$48. Let $x$ be the cost of one marker.                                | $6x = 48$ ; $x = 8$       |
| 4 | Write and solve: A student has $x$ stickers. They make 7 equal pages with 6 stickers on each page.                      | $x / 7 = 6$ ; $x = 42$    |
| 5 | Write and solve: Your battery is at 12%. It must stay below 31% after charging $x$ percentage points.                   | $x + 12 < 31$ ; $x < 19$  |
| 6 | Write and solve: Four equal packs contain at least 28 trading cards total. Let $x$ be the number of cards in each pack. | $4x \geq 28$ ; $x \geq 7$ |

## PART 2 • APPLY IT

1.  **$6x = 72$ ;  $x = 12$ . Each bracelet costs \$12.** Multiply the bracelet price by 6 to model the total earnings. Divide \$72 by 6 to find the price of one bracelet.
2.  **$7x \leq 56$ ;  $x \leq 8$ . The club can schedule no more than 8 matches.** Multiply the number of matches by 7 minutes and keep the total at or below 56 minutes. Divide both sides by 7.

## CHALLENGE

**$x + 60 < 75$ ;  $x < 15$ . Since songs are whole numbers,  $x$  can be 0 through 14. Adding 15 songs would make 75 songs, which is not fewer than 75.**

Accept equivalent equation or inequality forms, such as  $46 = x + 17$ . For context problems involving items or matches, accept whole-number interpretations that match the stated inequality.