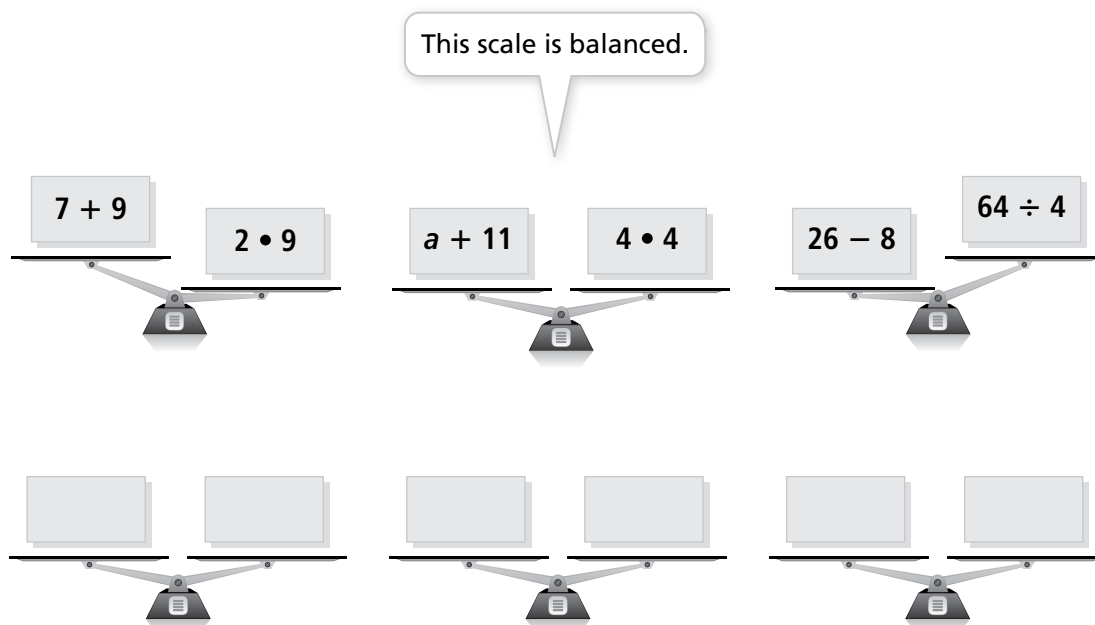# Expressions to Equations

CCSS: 6.EE.A.2: Write, read, and evaluate expressions in which letters stand for numbers.
6.EE.B.5: ... Use substitution to determine whether a given number in a specified set makes an equation or inequality true.

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MP2, MP5

Shuffle the expressions in the top row of scales so that all of the scales in the bottom row balance.

This scale is balanced.

$7 + 9$

$2 \cdot 9$

$a + 11$

$4 \cdot 4$

$26 - 8$

$64 \div 4$

Reflect What does it mean for two sides of the scale to be balanced?

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Got It?

PART 1 Got It

Which are equations?

I. $t + 5 = 17$ **II.** $3c$ **III.** $10y = 13d$

PART 2 Got It (1 of 2)

Which expressions are equal?

I. 16×2 **II.** $24 + 8$ **III.** 4×4

Got It?

PART 2 Got It (2 of 2)

Are the expressions $12a + (6 + 3a)$ and $3(5a + 2)$ equivalent?
Explain.

PART 3 Got It

Which equation(s) have a solution of 12?

I. $17 - m = 5$ **II.** $k - 12 = 0$ **III.** $12 + z = 24$

Close and Check

Focus Question

What is an equation? How is an equation with variables different from the equations you've seen in the past?

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Do you know HOW?

1. Complete the equation.

$x(17 - 8) =$ ☐ $x - 8$ ☐

2. Match each expression with an equivalent expression.

A. $\frac{18w}{6}$ ☐ $7w + 8w$

B. $20w + 12w$ ☐ $10w \cdot 2$

C. $10w + 10w$ ☐ $4w(5 + 3)$

D. $10w + 5w$ ☐ $50w - 25w$

E. $25(2w - w)$ ☐ $18w \div 6$

3. Circle the equations for which 5 is a solution.

$3x = 15$

$12 - a = 6$

$35 \div 7 = r$

$f + 9 = 14$

Do you UNDERSTAND?

4. Vocabulary Tell which of the following is an *expression* and which is an *equation*. Explain.

$4t = 28$ $\qquad$ $8c + 7$

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5. Error Analysis Your friend applied the Distributive Property to conclude that $8(x + 2)$ is equivalent to $8x + 2$. Describe your friend's error and give an expression that is equivalent.

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