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Writing Basic Algebraic Expressions

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subtraction (difference)	$18 - 6$	$14 - a$
multiplication (product)	4×5	$9c$
division (quotient)	$16 \div 4$	$\frac{18}{z}$



Rewrite each question as an algebraic expression.

1. What is the sum of a and 5? _____
2. What is the product of y and 9? _____
3. What do you get when you subtract 4 from b ? _____
4. What is c divided by 6? _____
5. What is 15 decreased by p ? _____

Rewrite each phrase as an algebraic expression.

6. c multiplied by 3 _____
7. 5 larger than y _____
8. 10 less than e _____
9. double r _____
10. p divided by 6 _____
11. quadruple f _____

Write your answer to the word problems in the form of an algebraic expression.

12. There are x students trying out for a solo in a chorus concert. Only 8 will be chosen. How many students will not be chosen? _____
13. There are y students who volunteered to pull weeds in the school garden. The principal said she wishes she had five times as many volunteers. How many volunteers would the principal like to have? _____

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4. What is c divided by 6? $\frac{c}{6}$
5. What is 15 decreased by p ? $15 - p$

Rewrite each phrase as an algebraic expression.

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7. 5 larger than y $5 + y$
8. 10 less than e $e - 10$
9. double r $2r$
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