Common Translation Phrases for Algebraic Expressions and Equations



Translations for Algebra

Translating words into EQUATIONS:

- 1. START WITH THE EQUAL SIGN
- 2. Replace phrases like "what number", "a number", "some number" with the variable, x.
- 3. Translate the rest of the problem using the clue words from the other side.

Example 1: Ten times what number equals 70.

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10	÷	x	Ŧ	70

Translate the following into equations.

- 1. The product of 5 and a number is 45.
- 2. One-ninth of a number is 54.
- 3. 89 less than a number equals 8.
- 4. Three less than six times what number is 15.
- 5. The sum of a number and eleven times the same number is 48.
- 6. A number multiplied by five plus six is equal to 50.
- 7. A number divided by five less seven is equal to 37.
- A number plus 17 plus three times the number equals 15.
- 9. If you subtract 8 from a specific number, you get 12.
- If you add 13 to seven times a number, your answer is
 127 more than the number itself.
- 11. Alonzo bought 5 boxes of trading cards. There were the same number in each box. He bought a total of 55 trading cards.
- Juanita can jog 12 miles today, which is twice as far as she could a year ago. A year ago, she could jog x miles. How far could she jog a year ago?

Example 2: 19 less than twice a number is –9.

19 less than* t	wice	a numl	er is –9.
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*switch order			

- 13. 8 more than 4 times a number is 48. 14. Nine times a number, less 9, is 36. 15. The sum of 12 and the product of 6 and a number is 60. 16. 15 less than the product of 6 and a number is 15. 17. Three times a certain number is the same as that number plus 15. 18. Twice the sum of a certain number and 36 is 90. 19. Seventeen more than twice a number is 48. 20. Take a number, double it, add 7 and you get 23. 21. If you multiply a number by 13 you get 117.
- 22. If you add six to five times a number, your answer will be 45 more than twice the number.
- 23. Mary scored x points. Emily scored one less than twice as many. The girls scored a total of 35 points.
- 24. The perimeter of rectangle (P) is equal to twice its width (W) added to twice its length (L).