## 1-5 Algebra: Variables and Expressions

## MAIN IdeA

- Evaluate algebraic expressions.


## BUILD YOUR VOCABULARY (pages 2-3)

Algebra is a language of $\square$

A variable is a $\square$ usually a letter, used to represent a number.

Algebraic expressions are combinations of $\square$ ,
$\square$ , and at least one $\square$
To evaluate an algebraic expression means to find the
$\square$ of the expression. You can find the value after you replace the variables with $\square$

## EXAMPLES Evaluate Algebraic Expressions

FOLDABLES

## Organize It

On the Lesson 1-5 tab, explain variable and algebraic expression. Then explain what steps you take before evaluating an algebraic expression.

(1) Evaluate $20+c$ if $c=5$.

2) Evaluate $p-q$ if $p=14$ and $q=13$.

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\begin{array}{rlrl}
p-q & =\square-\square \quad \text { Replace } p \text { with } \square \text { and } q \text { with } \square . \\
& =\square & \square .
\end{array}
$$

3 Evaluate $2 x+3$ if $x=4$.


## Remember It

In algebra, the symbol • can be used to represent multiplication.
$3 \cdot 4=3 \times 4$

A number and a letter, or two letters can be written together without a multiplication symbol.
$2 t=2 \times t \quad s t=s \times t$

## Homework

 Assignment
## Check Your Progress

a. Evaluate $m+9$ if $m=25$.
$\square$
b. Evaluate $x-y$ if $x=22$ and $y=17$.
$\square$
c. Evaluate $7+3 w$ if $w=6$.
$\square$

## EXAMPL

## 4 TEST EXAMPLE The amount of money Sabrina will

 need to pay for 5 binders using a $\$ 2$ coupon can be represented by the expression $5 x-2$, where $x$ is the cost of each binder. Find the amount of her purchase if each binder is $\$ 4$.A $\$ 2$
B $\$ 18$
C $\$ 20$
D $\$ 40$

## Read the Item

You need to find the value of the expression given $x=\$ 4$.

## Solve the Item



The amount of Sabrina's purchase is $\square$ The answer is $\square$

## Check Your Progress

MULTIPLE CHOICE Find the value of the expression $5 \cdot 3+4 g$ if $g=2$.
F 11
G 19
H 23
J 38
$\square$

