Lesson 6 Reteach

Evaluate Expressions

Sometimes an expression is written with a *variable*. The variable might be a symbol (such as ? or \square) or a letter (such as x or y). When you replace the variable with a number, you find the value of the expression, or evaluate the expression.

Nora's song is 2 minutes shorter than Phillip's.

Write the expression:

$$y-2$$
 The unknown is the length of Phillip's song. The variable y is used to represent the unknown.

Evaluate the expression if Phillip's song is 5 minutes long: y = 5 minutes.

$$5 - 2$$

Solve:

$$5 - 2 = 3$$

So, Nora's song is 3 minutes long.

Evaluate each expression if x = 3.

1.
$$6 + x$$

3.
$$x \times 7$$

4.
$$x - 3$$

Evaluate each expression if y = 10.

5.
$$y \div 5$$

7.
$$21 - y$$

$$21 - 10 = 11$$

6.
$$y \times 8$$

8.
$$14 + y$$