



Writing Mathematical Expressions

Today's Standard

6.EE.A2a - Write expressions that record operations with numbers and with letters standing for numbers. For example, express the calculation 'Subtract y from 5' as $5 - y$.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Calculating change in a shopping scenario; Determining distance remaining on a trip; Budgeting allowance or savings; Understanding scores in sports; Solving for unknowns in recipes

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to write math expressions using numbers and letters. For example, if we want to say 'subtract y from 5,' we write $5 - y$.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think letters in math always mean one number, but they can mean any number. Also, they might mix up the order when doing math steps.

Quiz Me

- What does a letter in math mean?
- How do you write 'subtract y from 5'?
- What are the steps to follow in math?
- Can a letter in math mean different numbers?
- What do you need to remember when writing math expressions?

Help Me

When we write math expressions, we use letters to stand for numbers. This helps us solve problems like how much money we have left after buying something. For example, if we have 5 dollars and buy something for y dollars, we write $5 - y$.