Lesson 3 Reteach

Write Two-Step Equations

Some verbal sentences translate into two step equations.

Example 1

Translate each sentence into an equation.

Sentence	Equation
Four more than three times a number is 19.	3n + 4 = 19
Five is seven less than twice a number.	5 = 2n - 7
Seven more than the quotient of a number and 3 is10.	$7 + \frac{n}{3} = 10$

After a sentence has been translated into a two step equation, you can solve the equation.

Example 2

Translate the sentence into an equation. Then find the number. Thirteen more than five times a number is 28.

Words	Thirteen more than five times a number is 28.	
Variable	Let $n =$ the number.	
Equation	5n + 13 = 28	Write the equation.
	-13 = -13	Subtraction Property of Equality
	5n = 15	Simplify.
	$\frac{5n}{5} = \frac{15}{5}$	Division Property of Equality
	n = 3	

Therefore, the number is 3.

Exercises Define a variable. Then translate each sentence into an equation. Then find each number.

- **1.** Five more than twice a number is 7.
- 2. Fourteen more than three times a number is 2.

- **3.** Seven less than twice a number is 5.
- 4. Two more than four times a number is -10.
- 5. Eight less than three times a number is -14.
- **6.** Three more than the quotient of a number and 2 is 7.