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## Variables


(1) Determine which of the following are variables.


Complete the definition of a variable.


Find the appropriate expression that describes the cost of Sarah's mobile phone service.


Calculate the value for the variable $x$.

Identify the correct value for $x$ for each equation.with many hints, answer keys, and solution approaches for all tasks

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Choose the variables.


## Our hints for the tasks

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## 1. Hint

A number isn't a variable.
2. Hint

A variable is a letter or a symbol that represents a quantity that can vary.

## 3. Hint

An operator is also not a variable.

## Solutions and solution approaches for the tasks

## 1 Determine which of the following are variables.

Answer key: A, D, E

A variable is a letter or a symbol that represents a quantity that can vary like $x, y$ or $a$, just to name a few.
In the expression $7-x$, the variable is $x$. 7 is a number and therefore not a variable. The operator - and the equal sign $=$ aren't variables either.

Depending on what we plug in for the variable $x$, we get different results. For example, if we plug in 3 for the variable $x$ we get:
$7-3=4$
If we plug in 6 we get:
$7-6=1$

And so on. As you can see, the result depends on the number we plug in for the variable $x$.

