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## Line-Ups

## Algebra 1

## Evaluating Algebraic Expressions

**OBJECTIVES**

Students will evaluate algebraic expressions by using substitution.

**MATERIALS**

Scratch paper, pencils, Line-Up cards (see following pages)

**PREREQUISITE LEARNING**

Students should be able to perform operations on integers according to the correct order of operations

**FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS**

How could you adjust the algebraic expression on your card so that the resulting value would be 2? Can you come up with two or three different ways to do this?

Let  $x = 4$  and  $y = -3$ . Write three different algebraic expressions using  $x$  and/or  $y$  which are worth  $-1$ .

Evaluating Algebraic Expressions	
The value of $4x^2 - 5$ when $x = 3$	The value of $5(y + 4) - 3x$ when $x = 2$ and $y = 4$
The value of $3(x + 2)^2$ when $x = 4$	The value of $\frac{1}{2}(B + b)h$ when $B = 3$ , $b = 5$ and $h = 4$
The value of $-5x + 4 + 2y$ when $x = 2$ and $y = 5$	The value of $x^2 + 4x - 6$ when $x = -5$
The value of $\frac{7x - 5}{x - 1}$ when $x = 3$	The value of $2(x - 3)^2 + 5x$ when $x = -1$
The value of $9y^2 - 4x$ when $x = -4$ and $y = 1$	The value of $7 - 3x + 5m$ when $x = -6$ and $m = 4$

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Evaluating Algebraic Expressions	
The value of $m^2 + 3(x + 2)$ when $m = -2$ and $x = 4$	The value of $(2y)^2 + 4y$ when $y = -3$
The value of $-7(m + 4) - 3b$ when $m = -1$ and $b = -8$	The value of $5h + 5^2$ when $h = -6$
The value of $6k^2 + 3d$ when $k = -1$ and $d = -2$	The value of $5(b + 4) + 4b$ when $b = -1$
The value of $\frac{(4 - x)^2}{x - 1}$ when $x = 6$	The value of $\frac{4x^2}{x + 4}$ when $x = -2$
The value of $\frac{4 - 7}{x - 2} + 3$ when $x = 5$	The value of $5m - (6x + 3)$ when $m = 8$ and $x = 4$

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The above questions can be posed to the whole class, and students can then discuss their answers with a partner next to them. Students can then report out to the class regarding their **partner's** answer, or write their answer down on paper to hand in.

### **POSSIBLE EXTENSIONS**

Students can make up their own Line-Up cards with an algebraic expression and a given list of variables. Do another Line-Up using the student-made cards.

**Evaluating Algebraic Expressions**

The value of  $4x^2 - 5$  when  
 $x = 3$

The value of  $5(y + 4) - 3x$  when  
 $x = 2$  and  $y = 4$

The value of  $3(x + 2)^2$  when  
 $x = -4$

The value of  $\frac{1}{2}(B + b)h$   
when  $B = 3$ ,  $b = 5$  and  $h = 4$

The value of  $-5x + 4 + 2y$  when  
 $x = 2$  and  $y = 5$

The value of  $x^2 + 4x - 6$   
when  $x = -5$

The value of  $\frac{7x + 5}{x - 1}$  when  $x = 3$

The value of  $2(x - 3)^2 + 5x$   
when  $x = -1$

The value of  $9y^2 - 4x$  when  
 $x = -4$  and  $y = 1$

The value of  $7 - 3x + 5m$   
when  $x = -6$  and  $m = 4$

**Evaluating Algebraic Expressions**

The value of  $m^3 + 3(x + 2)$   
when  $m = -2$  and  $x = 4$

The value of  $(2y)^2 + 4y$   
when  $y = -3$

The value of  $-7(m + 4) - 3b$   
when  $m = -1$  and  $b = -8$

The value of  $5h + 5^2$   
when  $h = -6$

The value of  $6k^3 + 3d$   
when  $k = -1$  and  $d = -2$

The value of  $5(b + 4) + 4b$   
when  $b = -1$

The value of  $\frac{(4 + x)^2}{x - 1}$  when  $x = 6$

The value of  $\frac{4x^2}{x + 4}$  when  $x = -2$

The value of  $\frac{4 + 7}{x - 2} + 3$  when  $x = 5$

The value of  $5m - (6x - 3)$   
when  $m = 8$  and  $x = 4$

**Evaluating Algebraic Expressions**

The value of  $3(x - 2)^3 + x$   
when  $x = 4$

The value of  $-5y^3 + 6k$   
when  $y = -2$  and  $k = 1$

The value of  $5(x - 3) \div 2 + 3m$   
when  $x = 9$  and  $m = -2$

The value of  $6(h - 3)^2 + 5v$   
when  $v = -5$  and  $h = 6$

The value of  $8c + \frac{x - 2}{3}$   
when  $c = 4$  and  $x = 20$

The value of  $\frac{5x^2 + m^0}{2}$   
when  $x = -3$  and  $m = 6$

The value of  $\frac{1}{3} (2x)^2$   
when  $x = 6$

The value of  $6(f - r^3)$   
when  $f = 1$  and  $r = -2$

The value of  $6h \div (x - 4) + 5$   
when  $h = 3$  and  $x = 6$

Find the value of  $-x^3 + 2y$   
when  $x = -2$  and  $y = 5$