

**WORKSHEET 1.7: WRITING EXPRESSIONS**

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a number plus 3	a number minus 3
the sum of a number and 3	a number reduced by 3
MULTIPLICATION: $2n$	DIVISION: $n \div 2$
the product of 2 and a number	a number divided by 2
2 times a number	half of a number
2 multiplied by a number	the quotient when a number is divided by 2

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- 6 greater than a number
- A number minus 1
- 3 times a number
- 8 less than a number
- A number divided by 10
- A number decreased by 9
- A number minus 6
- The sum of a number and 3



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$$\frac{n}{10} \text{ OR } n \div 10$$

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7. A number minus 6

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8. The sum of a number and 3

$$n + 3$$



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Possible answer: 3 less than twice a number