

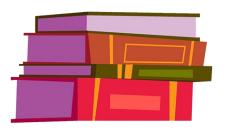
## Writing expressions with variables

## Grade 5 Word Problems Worksheet

1. There were n books displayed on one bookshelf on the left.  $\frac{5}{11}$  of the books there were  $5^{th}$  grade math books. Write the expression for the number of fifth grade math books on that one bookshelf.

2. Dennis is working as a library aide. He stays in the library for 395 minutes, including some minutes for his lunch break. He eats his lunch for p minutes. Write the expression for the number of minutes he spends working.

3. The librarian received a delivery of boxes of books from a bookstore. She saw that 5 boxes contained reference books and 2 boxes contained story books. Each box contained x books. Write the expression for the number of reference books the librarian received.





4.	Fred can read 76 words per minute. He needs to read a story
	book that has $b$ words. Write the expression for the number of
	minutes he will spend reading that story book.

5. In the library, there are c computers and 3 maps for the students. The 27 library computers are already occupied, and another 2 library computers are defective. Write the expression for the number of library computers available for the students.

6. The librarian noticed that there were 178 books and 7 newspapers borrowed. There were y books left on the bookshelf. Write the expression for the number of books on the bookshelf when none have been borrowed.



## **Answers**

- 1.  $\frac{5n}{11}$
- 2. 395 p
- 3. 5*x*
- 4.  $\frac{b}{76}$
- 5. c 27 2
- 6. 178 + y