

Real-World Algebra Assignment #2

1. Sierra Custom Plumbing charges \$70 for a service call, plus an hourly rate of \$20.

a. What would Sierra Custom Plumbing charge for a job that takes three and one-half hours?

$$70 + 3.5(20) = \boxed{\$140}$$

b. Write an **algebraic expression** for the cost of a plumbing job that takes h hours.

$$\boxed{70 + 20h}$$

c. Write an **equation** for a plumbing job that takes h hours and costs \$425, then solve for the number of hours worked.

$$425 = 70 + 20h$$

$$\boxed{h = 17.75}$$

d. You have a **major** plumbing problem in your house. You look in your checking account and find that you only have \$581. Write an **equation**, then solve for the number of hours you could have the plumber work.

$$581 \geq 70 + 20h$$

$$25.55 \geq h$$

$$\boxed{25 \text{ hours}}$$

2. ATT charges \$7.43 for the monthly fee plus 7 cents per minute. (reminder, 7 cents = \$0.07)

a. What would be the phone bill be if you called 100 minutes?

$$7.43 + 0.07(100)$$

$$\boxed{\$14.43}$$

b. What would be the phone bill be if you called 263 minutes?

$$7.43 + 0.07(263)$$

$$\boxed{\$25.84}$$

c. Write an algebraic expression for the cost of m minutes of calls?

$$\boxed{7.43 + 0.07m}$$

d. Write an **equation** for a month with m minutes of phone calls that costs \$36, then solve for the number of minutes called.

$$36 = 7.43 + 0.07m$$

$$\boxed{408 \text{ minutes}}$$

Solve for the variable

3. $3n + 2 = -1$

$$\begin{array}{r} +2 \quad +2 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \frac{3}{1} n = -3 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$$

$$\boxed{n = -1}$$

4. $8y - 10 = 2$

$$\begin{array}{r} +10 \quad +10 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{8}\right) 8y = 12 \left(\frac{1}{8}\right)$$

$$y = \frac{12}{8} = \boxed{\frac{3}{2}}$$

5. $4(3 + 5w) = -11$

$$\begin{array}{r} 12 + 20w = -11 \\ + -12 \quad \quad + -12 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{20}\right) 20w = -23 \left(\frac{1}{20}\right)$$

$$\boxed{w = \frac{-23}{20}}$$

6. $-7(h + 2) = 12$

$$\begin{array}{r} -7h - 14 = 12 \\ +14 \quad \quad +14 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\left(-\frac{1}{7}\right) -7h = 26 \left(-\frac{1}{7}\right)$$

$$\boxed{h = \frac{-26}{7}}$$

7. $7 = x + 4(2 + x)$

$$7 = \underline{x} + 8 + \underline{4x}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 7 = 5x + 8 \\ + -8 \quad \quad + -8 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{5}\right) 15 = 5x \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)$$

$$\boxed{x = 3}$$

8. $20 + 3(x + 5) = 3$

$$\underline{20} + 3x + \underline{15} = 3$$

$$3x + 35 = 3$$

$$\begin{array}{r} +35 \quad +35 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) 3x = -32 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$$

$$\boxed{x = \frac{-32}{3}}$$

9. $120 - 8(4 + 9x) = 7$

$$\underline{120} + \underline{-32} + -72x = 7$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -72x + 88 = 7 \\ + -88 \quad + -88 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\left(-\frac{1}{72}\right) -72x = -81 \left(-\frac{1}{72}\right)$$

$$x = \frac{81}{72} = \boxed{\frac{9}{8}}$$

10. $\frac{2}{3}n + 16 = 2$

$$\begin{array}{r} +16 \quad + -16 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) \frac{2}{3} n = -14 \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)$$

$$n = \frac{-42}{2} = \boxed{-21}$$