1.4 Write Equations and Inequalities

Before

You translated verbal phrases into expressions.

Now Why You will translate verbal sentences into equations or inequalities.

So you can calculate team competition statistics, as in Ex. 41.

An equation is a mathematical sentence formed by placing the symbol between two expressions. An inequality is a mathematical sentence formed by placing one of the symbols <, \le , >, or \ge between two expressions.

An **open sentence** is an equation or an inequality that contains an algebraic expression.

KEY CONCEPT		For Your Notebook	
Symbol	Meaning	Associated Words	
=	is equal to	the same as	
<	is less than	fewer than	
≤	is less than or equal to	at most, no more than	
>	is greater than	more than	
≥	is greater than or equal to	o at least, no less than	

Practice A 1.4 Practice A For use with the lesson "Write Equations and Inequalities"

Match the verbal sentence with its equation or inequality.

- **1.** The difference of 4 and a number *n* is equal to 14. **A.** $n-4 \le 14$
- **2.** The difference of a number n and 4 is no more than 14. **B.** $n-14 \le 4$
- The difference of a number n and 14 is at most 4. **D.** $4 n \ge 14$

Write an equation or an inequality.

- **5.** The sum of 8 and a number n is equal to 15.
- **6.** The product of 5 and a number y is at least 22.
- **7.** The difference of a number x and 6 is 19.
- **8.** The quotient of a number b and 7 is more than 25.

Check whether the given number is a solution of the equation or inequality.

9.
$$x + 14 = 19; 5$$

10.
$$2m + 3 = 11; 3$$

11.
$$\frac{b}{3} + 4 = 7$$
; 9

12.
$$4a - 5 \le 10$$
; 4

13.
$$22 - y > 13; 8$$

14.
$$\frac{p}{5} - 8 > 1;40$$

$$44-5 \le 10$$
 $16-5 \le 10$
 $11 \le 10$

Solve the equation using mental math.

15.
$$x + 17 = 22$$

16.
$$y + 4 = 16$$

17.
$$m - 8 = 12$$

18.
$$10c = 50$$

19.
$$3w = 36$$

20.
$$\frac{a}{6} = 3$$

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21. Locker Installation Your school is replacing a section of old lockers. When the old lockers are removed, there is a space that is 165 inches long. Each new locker has a width of 11 inches. You write the equation 11x = 165 to model the situation. What do the 11, x, and 165 represent? Use mental math to solve the equation.

22. Snowboarding You have saved \$78 to buy a snowboard that costs \$150. How much more money do you need to save to be able to buy the snowboard?

- 78 - 78

78+ m= 150

23. Die-Cast Cars You buy a storage case that holds 150 collectible die-cast cars. You have 132 die-cast cars. Write an inequality that describes how many more cars you can buy and still have no more cars than the case will hold. You buy 24 cars. Will they all fit in the case?

$$150 < 150 > 150 > 150 < 150 > 150$$