Vocabulary: Using Algebraic Equations



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* Equation – a mathematical sentence that states that two expressions are equal.
	+ The two equal expressions in an equation are written with an *equals sign* (=) between them.
	+ For example, the equation 3*x* + 4 = 7 shows that 3*x* + 4 and 7 are equal.
* Variable – a letter used to represent an unknown number.
	+ For example, in the expression *w* + 9, *w* is the variable.