

1. What is a common difference?

A number that is added or subtracted to find new terms in an arithmetic sequence.

2. What the explicit formula to find the nth term of an arithmetic sequence?

$$a_n = a_1 + (n-1) \cdot d$$

For #3 & 4, name the first five terms of the arithmetic sequence described.

3. $a_1 = 4, d = 3$

$$4, 7, 10, 13, 16$$

a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5

4. $a_1 = 7, d = 5$

$$7, 12, 17, 22, 27$$

a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5

For #5 & 6, name the next four terms of each arithmetic sequence.

5. 5, 9, 13, ... $d = 4$

$$17, 21, 25, 29$$

6. 21, 15, 9, ... $d = -6$

$$3, -3, -9, -15$$

For #7-8, find the indicated term in each arithmetic sequence:

7. a_{21} for 10, 7, 4, ... $d = -3$

$$a_{21} = 10 + (21-1) \cdot -3$$

$$= -50$$

8. a_{10} for 8, 3, -2, ... $d = -5$

$$a_{10} = 8 + (10-1) \cdot -5$$

$$= -37$$

For #9-12, find the missing terms in each arithmetic sequence:

9. 55, 70, 85, 100, 115

$$d = \frac{115 - 55}{4}$$

$$= 15$$

10. -13, -6, 1, 8, 15, 22

$$d = \frac{15 - (-6)}{3}$$

$$= 7$$

11. -8, $\frac{-13}{3}$, $\frac{-2}{3}$, 3

$$d = \frac{3 - (-8)}{3}$$

$$= \frac{11}{3}$$

12. 16, 12, 8, 4, 0

$$d = \frac{0 - 16}{4}$$

$$= -4$$

For #13-14, write an explicit & recursive formula for the n^{th} term of each arithmetic sequence.

13. 2, -1, -4, -7, ...

explicit:
 $a_n = 2 + (n-1) \cdot -3$

recursive:
 $a_1 = 2$
 $a_n = a_{n-1} - 3$

14. 22, 32, 42, ...

explicit:
 $a_n = 22 + (n-1) \cdot 10$

recursive:
 $a_1 = 22$
 $a_n = a_{n-1} + 10$

For #15-17, complete the statement for each arithmetic sequence.

15. 124 is the ? term of -2, 5, 12, ...

Use $a_n = a_1 + (n-1) \cdot d$

$$\begin{array}{r} 124 = -2 + (n-1) \cdot 7 \\ +2 \quad +2 \\ \hline 126 = (n-1) \cdot 7 \\ \underline{7} \quad \underline{7} \end{array}$$

$$18 = n - 1$$

$19 = n$ #19th term

16. 142 is the ? term of -3, 2, 7, ...

$$\begin{array}{r} 142 = -3 + (n-1) \cdot 5 \\ +3 \quad +3 \\ \hline 145 = (n-1) \cdot 5 \\ \underline{5} \quad \underline{5} \end{array}$$

$$29 = n - 1$$

$30 = n$ #30th term

17. -28 is the ? term of 7, 2, -3, ...

$$\begin{array}{r} -28 = 7 + (n-1) \cdot -5 \\ -7 \quad +7 \\ \hline -35 = (n-1) \cdot -5 \\ \underline{-5} \quad \underline{-5} \end{array}$$

$$7 = n - 1$$

$8 = n$ #8th term

For #18 & 19 find the first term (a_1) for the following arithmetic sequences.

18. $a_{12} = 27, d = -5$

$$a_n = a_1 + (n-1) \cdot d$$

$$27 = a_1 + (12-1) \cdot -5$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 27 = a_1 - 55 \\ +55 \quad +55 \end{array}$$

$82 = a_1$

19. $a_{31} = -11, d = 2$

$$a_n = a_1 + (n-1) \cdot d$$

$$-11 = a_1 + (31-1) \cdot 2$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -11 = a_1 + 60 \\ -60 \quad -60 \end{array}$$

$-71 = a_1$