

# Varied Fluency

## Step 4: Find a Rule – One Step

### National Curriculum Objectives:

Mathematics Year 6: (6A1) [Express missing number problems algebraically](#)

Mathematics Year 6: (6A2) [Use simple formulae](#)

### Differentiation:

**Developing** Questions to support writing one step functions as simple algebraic equations and solving one step functions using whole numbers and addition, subtraction operations and multiplication by 2.

**Expected** Questions to support writing one step functions as simple algebraic equations and solving one step functions using whole numbers and all four operations where an input or output may be a decimal number.

**Greater Depth** Questions to support writing one step functions as simple algebraic equations and solving one step functions using whole, decimal, fractions and negative numbers and all four operations.

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## Find a Rule – One Step

1a. Match the function to its equivalent algebraic rule.

Add 5 to  $x$

$2x$

Subtract 10 from  $x$

$x - 10$

5 less than  $x$

$x + 5$

Multiply  $x$  by 2

$x - 5$



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## Find a Rule – One Step

1b. Match the function to its equivalent algebraic rule.

Double  $y$

$y + 3$

2 more than  $y$

$y + 2$

3 more than  $y$

$y - 3$

Subtract 3 from  $y$

$2y$



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2a. Circle the function being used here.

10

20

4

?

14

23

33

$2a$

$a + 10$

$10a$



6 VF

2b. Circle the function being used here.

14

7

8

?

1

10

3

$b - 7$

$b + 7$

$2b$



6 VF

3a. Work out the missing inputs and outputs for this function machine.

16

?

$a$

$- 9$

?

?

21



6 VF

3b. Work out the missing inputs and outputs for this function machine.

$x$

?

?

$\times 2$

16

5

?



6 VF

4a. Match the equation to its answer if  $b = 5$ .

$2b$

10

$b + 4$

3

$17 - b$

9

$b - 2$

12



6 VF

4b. Match the equation to its answer if  $v = 7$ .

$15 + v$

3

$v + 1$

22

$10 - v$

8

$2v$

14



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## Find a Rule – One Step

5a. Match the function to its equivalent algebraic rule.

Add 2.5 to  $x$

$9x$

Double  $x$

$x \div 9$

Multiply  $x$  by 9

$2x$

9 times smaller than  $x$

$x + 2.5$



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## Find a Rule – One Step

5b. Match the function to its equivalent algebraic rule.

2 less than  $y$

$5 + y$

Multiply  $y$  by 5

$5y$

Add 5 to  $y$

$y \div 2$

Halve  $y$

$y - 2$



6 VF

6a. Circle the function being used here.

6

18

4.2

?

12.6

3.5

10.5

$4a$

$a + 12$

$3a$



6 VF

6b. Circle the function being used here.

5.2

4.8

6

?

4

8.6

1.4

$10 - b$

$b - 2$

$b - 10$



6 VF

7a. Work out the missing inputs and outputs for this function machine.

28

?

?

$\div 4$

6

$a$

?



6 VF

7b. Work out the missing inputs and outputs for this function machine.

3.6

?

11

$+ 2.4$

?

?

$x$



6 VF

8a. Match the equation to its answer if  $y = 15$ .

$2y$

3

$4.4 + y$

19.4

$y - 12$

7.5

$y \div 2$

30



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8b. Match the equation to its answer if  $t = 10.6$ .

$t \div 2$

13

$t + 2.4$

4.4

$15 - t$

5.6

$t - 5$

5.3



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## Find a Rule – One Step

9a. Match the function to its equivalent algebraic rule.

10 times smaller than  $x$

$10 + x$

10 more than  $x$

$0.25x$

10 less than  $x$

$\frac{x}{10}$

A quarter of  $x$

$x - 10$



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## Find a Rule – One Step

9b. Match the function to its equivalent algebraic rule.

5 more than  $y$

$y - 5$

Half of  $y$

$y^2$

5 less than  $y$

$y + 5$

$y$  times  $y$

$0.5y$



6 VF

10a. Circle the function being used here.

6.5

?

-10.5

9

-3

13

6

$a - 17$

$a - 30$

$3a - 30$



6 VF

10b. Circle the function being used here.

15

?

-10.5

18

-9

14.5

-10.75

$r - 18.5$

$2r - 18$

$0.5r - 18$



6 VF

11a. Work out the missing inputs and outputs for this function machine.

?

$x$

10.5

$\div 5$

?

$a$

?



6 VF

11b. Work out the missing inputs and outputs for this function machine.

$m$

?

?

$-26$

-2.4

?

-0.8



6 VF

12a. Match the equation to its answer if  $v = 9.9$

$2v$

19.8

$2.8 - v$

5.4

$\frac{v}{3}$

3.3

$-4.5 + v$

-7.1



6 VF

12b. Match the equation to its answer if  $c = 4.8$ .

$c - 5.3$

19.2

$-7.9 + c$

2.4

$4c$

-0.5

$\frac{c}{2}$

-3.1



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**Varied Fluency**  
**Find a Rule – One Step**

**Developing**

1a. Add 5 to  $x = x + 5$ ,

Subtract 10 from  $x = x - 10$ ,

5 less than  $x = x - 5$ , Multiply  $x$  by 2 =  $2x$

2a.  $a + 10$

3a. 7,  $a - 9$ , 30

4a.  $2b = 10$ ,  $b + 4 = 9$ ,  $17 - b = 12$ ,  $b - 2 = 3$

**Expected**

5a. Add 2.5 to  $x = x + 2.5$ , Double  $x = 2x$ ,

Multiply  $x$  by 9 =  $9x$ ,

9 times smaller than  $x = x \div 9$

6a.  $3a$

7a. 7, 24,  $a \div 4$

8a.  $2y = 30$ ,  $4.4 + y = 19.4$ ,  $y - 12 = 3$ ,

$y \div 2 = 7.5$

**Greater Depth**

9a. 10 times smaller than  $x = \frac{x}{10}$ , 10 more than  $x = 10 + x$ , 10 less than  $x = x - 10$ , A quarter of  $x = 0.25x$

10a.  $3a - 30$

11a.  $5x$ , 2.1,  $\frac{a}{5}$

12a.  $2v = 19.8$ ,  $2.8 - v = -7.1$ ,  $\frac{v}{3} = 3.3$ ,  $-4.5 + v = 5.4$

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**Developing**

1b. Double  $y = 2y$ , 2 more than  $y = y + 2$ ,

3 more than  $y = y + 3$ ,

Subtract 3 from  $y = y - 3$

2b.  $b - 7$

3b.  $2x$ , 8, 10

4b.  $15 + v = 22$ ,  $v + 1 = 8$ ,  $10 - v = 3$ ,  $2v = 14$

**Expected**

5b. 2 less than  $y = y - 2$ ,

Multiply  $y$  by 5 =  $5y$ , Add 5 to  $y = 5 + y$ ,

Halve  $y = y \div 2$

6b.  $10 - b$

7b. 6, 13.4,  $x - 2.4$

8b.  $t \div 2 = 5.3$ ,  $t + 2.4 = 13$ ,  $15 - t = 4.4$ ,

$t - 5 = 5.6$

**Greater Depth**

9b. 5 more than  $y = y + 5$ , Half of  $y = 0.5y$ , 5 less than  $y = y - 5$ ,  $y$  times  $y = y^2$

10b.  $0.5r - 18$

11b.  $m - 26$ , 23.6, 25.2

12b.  $c - 5.3 = -0.5$ ,  $-7.9 + c = -3.1$ ,  $4c = 19.2$ ,  $\frac{c}{2} = 2.4$