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| **Using Symbols or Letters to Represent Unknowns** | | | |
| Identifies symbols or letters with unknown quantities.  18 +  = 34  “I used a box to represent the unknown, but I could have used a different shape or a letter.” | Interprets symbols or letters as an unknown quantity in equations.  18 +  = 34  “The box represents a number that would be added to 18 to make 34. No matter what the symbol is, it will always represent 16.” | Interprets symbols or letters to represent any unknown quantity in expressions  18 +  “The box represents any number that would be added to 18.” | Flexibly interprets and uses variables to represent quantities in equations and expressions.  6 ×  = 30  30 ÷ |
| **Observations/Documentation** | | | |
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