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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 expressions18 + “The box represents any number that would be added to 18.” | Flexibly interprets and uses variables to represent quantities in equations and expressions. 6 ×  = 3030 ÷  |
| **Observations/Documentation** |
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