

**Practice**

Form G

## Arithmetic Sequences

**Determine whether each sequence is arithmetic. If so, identify the common difference.**

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| 1. 2, 3, 5, 8, ...          | 2. 0, -3, -6, -9, ...      |
| 3. 0.9, 0.5, 0.1, -0.3, ... | 4. 3, 8, 13, 18, ...       |
| 5. 14, -15, -44, -73, ...   | 6. 3.2, 3.5, 3.8, 4.1, ... |
| 7. -34, -28, -22, -16, ...  | 8. 2.3, 2.5, 2.7, 2.9, ... |
| 9. 127, 140, 153, 166, ...  | 10. 11, 13, 17, 25, ...    |

**Find the 43rd term of each sequence.**

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| 11. 12, 14, 16, 18, ...         | 12. 13.1, 3.1, -6.9, -16.9, ... |
| 13. 19.5, 19.9, 20.3, 20.7, ... | 14. 27, 24, 21, 18, ...         |
| 15. 2, 13, 24, 35, ...          | 16. 21, 15, 9, 3, ...           |
| 17. 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, ...     | 18. -2.1, -2.3, -2.5, -2.7, ... |
| 19. 45, 48, 51, 54, ...         | 20. -0.073, -0.081, -0.089, ... |

**Find the missing term of each arithmetic sequence.**

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| 21. ... 23, ■, 49, ...   | 22. 14, ■, 28, ...       | 23. ... 29, ■, 33, ...  |
| 24. ... 14, ■, 15, ...   | 25. ... -45, ■, -39, ... | 26. ... -5, ■, -2, ...  |
| 27. -2, ■, 2, ...        | 28. ... -6, ■, 2, ...    | 29. -34, ■, 77, ...     |
| 30. ... -45, ■, -12, ... | 31. -2, ■, 456, ...      | 32. ... 34, ■, 345, ... |

**33.** A teacher donates the same amount of money each year to help protect the rainforest. At the end of the second year, she has donated enough money to protect 8 acres. At the end of the third year, she has donated enough money to protect 12 acres. How many acres will the teacher's donations protect at the end of the tenth year?

**34. Writing** Explain how you know that the sequence 109, 105, 101, 97, 93, ... is arithmetic.

**Practice** (continued)

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**Find the arithmetic mean  $a_n$  of the given terms.**

35.  $a_{n-1} = 5, a_{n+1} = 11$

36.  $a_{n-1} = 17, a_{n+1} = 3$

37.  $a_{n-1} = -8, a_{n+1} = -9$

38.  $a_{n-1} = -0.6, a_{n+1} = 3.8$

39.  $a_{n-1} = y - z, a_{n+1} = y$

40.  $a_{n-1} = 2t + 3, a_{n+1} = 4t - 1$

41. **Open-Ended** Write an arithmetic sequence of at least five terms with a positive common difference.

42. **Error Analysis** On your homework, you write that the missing term in the arithmetic sequence 31, \_\_\_\_, 41, . . . is  $35\frac{1}{2}$ . Your friend says the missing term is 36. Who is correct? What mistake was made?

43. **Reasoning** Explain why 84 is the missing term in the sequence 89, 86.5, \_\_\_\_, 81.5, . . . .

44. **Writing** Describe the general process of finding a missing term in an arithmetic sequence.

45. You are making an arrangement of cubes in concentric rings for a sculpture. The number of cubes in each ring follows the pattern below.

$$1, 9, 17, 25, 33, \dots$$

- Is this an arithmetic sequence? Explain.
  - What are the next three terms?
  - If the sequence continues to the 100th term in this pattern, what will that term be?
46. Each year, a volunteer organization expects to add 5 more people to the number of shut-ins for whom the group provides home maintenance services. This year, the organization provides the service for 32 people.
- Write a recursive formula for the number of people the organization expects to serve each year.
  - Write the first five terms of the sequence.
  - Write an explicit formula for the number of people the organization expects to serve each year.
  - How many people would the organization expect to serve in the 20th year?