## Conjuring up Expressions

In math, an expression is a sentence containing numbers and operations. A variable is a letter that represents an unknown number in an expression.

Examples of expressions:

4**x** 8+7 10y + 3(y-2)<u>62</u> **h** 16-5 **a**-37

\*When a variable is next to a number, it means multiply. So 3x means 3 multiplied by x.

Read the sentences below and write an expression.

There are 17 bats flying through the haunted house. There are x times more bats in the caves behind the house. Write the multiplication expression for the number of bats in the caves.

> The number of bats in the house is 17 Times x The multiplication expression is 17x

There are 64 pumpkins in the patch. They are divided into  $\mathbf{y}$  equal groups. Write the division expression for the number of pumpkins in each group.

A witch's broomstick is 4 feet long. Belinda made hers *m* times longer to be able to carry more witches with her. Write the multiplication expression for the length of Belinda's broomstick.

## 4**m**

Cara made 52 ounces of witches brew in her largest cauldron. She divided it equally into *p* number of cups. Write the division expression for the number of ounces in each cup.



Tabitha has *z* black cats. Mark has 3 times as many. Write the mulitplication expression for the number of cats Mark has.







