

Algebra I

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Solving Word Problems

- 1) The sum of 38 and twice a number is 124. (pg 113)
Find the number.

Let $x =$ number 43

$$38 + 2x = 124$$

$$38 - 38 + 2x = 124 - 38$$

$$\frac{2x}{2} = \frac{86}{2}$$

$$x = 43$$

$$\boxed{43}$$

- 11) Chanel's Burger Barn sold 495 hamburgers today. The number sold with cheese was half the number sold without cheese. How many of each kind were sold?

Let $x =$ plain burgers

$\frac{1}{2}x =$ cheese burgers

330
165

We know the least information about the number without cheese, or plain hamburgers.

$$2 \left[x + \frac{1}{2}x = 495 \right]$$

$$2x + x = 990$$

$$\frac{3x}{3} = \frac{990}{3}$$

$$x = 330$$

$$\boxed{330}$$

The first sentence tells us that the total number sold was 495. Therefore, we must add the plain burgers and the cheese burgers to equal this.

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