

## Evaluating Algebraic Expressions

Variable - a letter used to represent a number

Coefficient - the number attached to the variable

$3m$

$x$

$-y$

$\frac{x}{2}$

Algebraic Expression - a combination of numbers and variables using addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, exponents and roots

$18 - 3x$

$\sqrt{5 + 2x}$

$x^2 + 7x - 1$

$\frac{2x - 1}{13}$

Directions: Evaluate each expression for  $a = -1$ ,  $b = -2$  and  $c = -3$ .

1.  $a + (-b)$

2.  $a - (-c)$

3.  $-a + b$

4.  $-a - (-b)$

5.  $c + (-b) + (-a) + b$

6.  $\frac{ab}{-c}$

7.  $\frac{2c}{a+b+c}$