

More Practice: Arithmetic Sequences

KEY

What are the next 3 terms in the sequence and find the common difference for the sequence:

1. $6, 15, 24, \underline{33}, \underline{42}, \underline{51}$ Common difference = 9
 $\begin{array}{ccc} +9 & +9 \\ \swarrow & \searrow \\ +.8 & +.8 \end{array}$

2. $8.5, 9.3, 10.1, \underline{10.9}, \underline{11.7}, \underline{12.5}$ Common difference = 0.8

3. $54, 42, 30, \underline{18}, \underline{6}, \underline{-6}$ Common difference = -12

Write the first four terms of the given sequence:

4. $a_n = 7 + 3(n - 1)$ 7, 10, 13, 16

5. $a_n = 11 - 2(n - 1)$ 11, 9, 7, 5

6. $a_n = 5 + (n - 1)$ 5, 6, 7, 8

Write the first four terms of the arithmetic sequence with the given bits:

7. $a_1 = 8, d = -2$ 8, 6, 4, 2

8. $a_1 = 4, d = 3$ 4, 7, 10, 13

9. $a_2 = 5, a_5 = 29$
 $\begin{array}{cccccc} +d & +d & +d \\ \swarrow & \searrow & \swarrow \\ -d & & & \end{array}$ $5 + 3d = 29$ $-3, 5, 13, 21$
 $3d = 24$
 $d = 8$

Write the explicit formula for the given sequences:

10. $4, 11, 18, \dots$ $a_n = 4 + 7(n - 1)$
 $\begin{array}{ccccc} +7 & & & & \\ \swarrow & +3 & & & \\ -4 & & & & \end{array}$

11. $8.1, 8.4, 8.7, \dots$ $a_n = 8.1 + 0.3(n - 1)$

12. $5, 1, -3, \dots$ $a_n = 5 - 4(n - 1)$