

## The nth term

Algebra **A10**

Write these terms for each sequence.

1  $3n + 7$   
4th, 15th, 21st

2  $4n - 1$   
3rd, 11th, 18th

3  $10n - 3$   
6th, 10th, 50th

4  $6n + 4$   
4th, 8th, 15th

5  $n^2 + 4$   
4th, 6th, 10th

6  $\frac{n}{2} + 5$   
4th, 18th, 23rd

Describe the rules in words to show the relationship between the numbers and the terms for each sequence. Write the nth term for each.

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Term	1	2	3	4	n
Number	2	4	6	8	

8

Term	1	2	3	4	n
Number	10	20	30	40	

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Term	1	2	3	4	n
Number	3	5	7	9	

10

Term	1	2	3	4	n
Number	4	7	10	13	

11

Term	1	2	3	4	n
Number	13	23	33	43	

12

Term	1	2	3	4	n
Number	4	8	12	16	

13

Term	1	2	3	4	n
Number	2	5	8	11	

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Term	1	2	3	4	n
Number	3	8	13	18	

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For each set of shapes, write a sequence for the number of lines, then the number of spots.

Write the number of lines and spots in the nth shape.

1

2

3

4

5

## Explore

Look at this sequence of totals.

$$1 + 2 = 3$$

$$1 + 2 + 3 = 6$$

$$1 + 2 + 3 + 4 = 10$$

Show that the nth term (total) will be  $\frac{n}{2}(n + 1)$ .

Find the total of the first ten counting numbers, i.e.  $1 + 2 + \dots + 10$ . Use the rule to check.

Find the total of the numbers on a 1 to 100 grid.

Term	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Total	1	3	6	10