

**Lesson Summary**

- Two expressions are equivalent if they yield the same number for every substitution of numbers for the letters in each expression.
- The expression that allows us to find the cost of an item after the discount has been taken and the sales tax has been added is written by representing the discount price added to the discount price multiplied by the sales tax rate.

**Problem Set**

Solve the following problems. If necessary, round to the nearest penny.

1. A family of 12 went to the local Italian restaurant for dinner. Every family member ordered a drink and meal, 3 ordered an appetizer, and 6 people ordered cake for dessert.
  - a. Write an expression that can be used to figure out the cost of the bill. Include the definitions for the variables the server used.
  - b. The waitress wrote on her ordering pad the following expression:  $3(4d + 4m + a + 2c)$ . Was she correct? Explain why or why not.
  - c. What is the cost of the bill if a drink costs \$3, a meal costs \$20, an appetizer costs \$5.50, and a slice of cake costs \$3.75?
  - d. Suppose the family had a 10% discount coupon for the entire check and then left an 18% tip. What is the total?
2. Sally designs web pages for customers. She charges \$135.50 per web page; however, she must pay a monthly rental fee of \$650 for her office. Write an expression to determine her take-home pay after expenses. If Sally designed 5 web pages last month, what was her take-home pay after expenses?
3. While shopping, Megan and her friend Rylie find a pair of boots on sale for 25% off the original price. Megan calculates the final cost of the boots by first deducting the 25% and then adding the 6% sales tax. Rylie thinks Megan will pay less if she pays the 6% sales tax first and then takes the 25% discount.
  - a. Write an expression to represent each girl's scenario if the original price of the boots was  $x$  dollars.
  - b. Evaluate each expression if the boots originally cost \$200.
  - c. Who was right? Explain how you know.
  - d. Explain how both girls' expressions are equivalent.