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using the number of students in the classroom, create variable sentences (i.e. nine boys + N girls = 25 students) – expand by using favorite foods, colors worn today, etc.) tell the students that the school nurse weighs a student, she subtracts 3 pounds for the weight of clothing – have the student write the expression using a variable	

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STRATEGIES/ACTIVITIES	
have students survey the classroom to find situations to fit the following problem: $7 + n = 25$ – they are to work in pairs and record their answers have students use newspaper ads or catalogs to find objects that equals the following problem: $$25.99 + n = $48.50 - \text{record your answers}$	