## Skills practice A

1 Match these algebra cards.


2 Write algebraic expressions for the following.
a $b$ plus 2
b 6 lots of $b$
c $b$ minus 2
d 2 lots of $b$
e 6 less than $b$
g $b$ multiplied by 3
h $b$ squared
f 7 more than $b$
i $a$ lots of $b$.

3 Work out the value of these expressions.
a $b+7$
b $10 b$
c $12+b$.
when
i $b=2$
ii $b=3$
iii $b=4$.

4 a Find the values of $2 c, 3 c$ and $5 c$ when
i $c=2$
ii $c=3$
iii $c=4$.
b For each value of $c$, show that $2 c+3 c$ is the same as $5 c$.

5 Work out the value of $3 a+2 b$ when
a $a=2$ and $b=3$
b $a=4$ and $b=5$
c $a=4$ and $b=1$
d $a=0$ and $b=7$.

6 a A school shop sells calculators for $£ 3$ each.
i The shop sells five calculators. How much money has the shop received?
ii A formula is used to work out the takings at the end of the day. $c$ stands for the number of calculators sold.
$T$ stands for the amount of money received in pounds.
Which of these formulae is correct?

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T=c \div 3
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$T=c+3$
$T=3 c$

b The shop also sells geometry sets for $£ 2$ each. $g$ stands for the number of geometry sets sold.
Write an expression for the amount of money received for geometry sets.
c What does the formula $T=3 c+2 g$ work out?

7 A shop sells clothes.

a Write down how you would work out the cost of
i two pairs of jeans and three T-shirts
ii three pairs of jeans and four T-shirts.
b Use $j$ for the number of pairs of jeans.
Use $t$ for the number of T-shirts.
Copy and complete this formula.
$\operatorname{Cost}(£)=30 \times \square+10 \square$
c Work out the cost of four pairs of jeans and three T-shirts.

