

What you will learn about:  
Solve Application with System of Equations

Translate to a system of equations: The sum of two numbers is negative fourteen. One number is four less than the other. Find the numbers.

$$\begin{aligned}x + y &= -14 & y &= (x - 4) \\x + x - 4 &= -14 & &= -5 - 4 \\2x - 4 &= -14 & y &= -9 \\2x &= -10 \\x &= -5\end{aligned}$$

Translate to a system of equations: A married couple together earns \$110,000. The wife earns \$16,000 less than twice what her husband earns. What does the husband earn?

Wife = \$68,000  
Husband = \$42,000

$$\begin{aligned}X &= \text{wife} & X + Y &= 110,000 & X &= 2Y - 16,000 \\Y &= \text{husband} & 2Y - 16,000 + Y &= 110,000 \\X &= 110,000 - 42,000 & 3Y - 16,000 &= 110,000 \\X &= \$68,000 & 3Y &= 126,000 \\ & & Y &= \$42,000\end{aligned}$$

X = Senior employee  
Y = New employee

Translate to a system of equations: A senior employee makes \$5 less than twice what a new employee makes per hour. Together they make \$43 per hour. How much does each employee make per hour?

$$\begin{aligned}x + y &= 43 & x &= 2y - 5 \\2y - 5 + y &= 43 & &= 2(16) - 5 \\3y - 5 &= 43 & &= 32 - 5 \\3y &= 48 & &= 27 \\y &= 16 & \text{Senior} &= \$27/\text{hour} \\ & & \text{New} &= \$16/\text{hour}\end{aligned}$$

