

# EVALUATING AN EXPRESSION

**Evaluating an expression** means to replace each pronumeral with a number to calculate its value.

example: if  $a = 3$  and  $b = 4$ , evaluate  $7a + 2b + 5$

$$7a + 2b + 5 = 7 \times 3 + 2 \times 4 + 5$$

$$7a + 2b + 5 = 21 + 8 + 5$$

$$\text{therefore } \mathbf{7a + 2b + 5 = 34}$$