

**Strand:** Algebra  
**Skill Addressed:** Linear Relationships Explored  
**Activity:** Part 3: Arithmetic Sequence

**Name:** KEY  
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The following are examples of Arithmetic Sequences:

3, 5, 7, 9, 11...  
15, 10, 5, 0, -5...  
13, 16, 19, 22, 25...

Consider the last example 13, 16, 19, 22, 25...  
What do you notice about each subsequent term of this sequence?  
each term increases by 3 (common difference)

What must you do to find the next missing term?  
add three

Arithmetic Sequence Definitions and Vocabulary:

*Common Difference:* the difference between any term and the term before it ex)  $22 - 19 = \underline{3}$

*First Term:* the term where the sequence begins. Here the first term is 13.

*The  $n^{\text{th}}$  Term:* a general rule for finding any term of the sequence. For example, how could you find the 8<sup>th</sup> term? It may help to write a table:

Term #	1	2	3	4	5	6	...	n
Term Value	13	16	19	22	25	28		

Can you find a formula for the  $n^{\text{th}}$  term?

$$t_n = 3n + 10$$