**Illinois Alternate Assessment**

**Sample Task Mathematics Grade 8**

- Present the primary task to the student. Say: **Here is an equation: \( y \) minus 15 equals 3. What is the value of \( y \) in the equation \( y \) minus 15 equals 3?**

- Point to each option and say: **12, 18, 35**

The student receives a score of 4 for a correct response.
If the student does not respond, repeat the primary task *only once* exactly as it appears.
If the student responds correctly after the second presentation of the primary task, the student receives a score of 4.
If the student chooses an incorrect answer or does not respond, move to Level 3.

- Turn the page to provide the general prompt.
- Re-present the primary task and answer options.

The student receives a score of 3 for a correct response.
If the student does not respond or responds incorrectly, move to Level 2.

- Indicate the correct answer and re-present the primary task and answer options.

The student receives a score of 2 for a correct response.
If the student does not respond or responds incorrectly, move to Level 1.

If the student does not respond or responds incorrectly at Level 2, the student receives a score of 1.

Correct answer: 18
$y - 15 = 3$

12 18 35
• Say: **Here is an example of a different equation: $j$ minus 6 equals 7. The value of $j$ in the equation $j$ minus 6 equals 7 is 13.**

• Turn back to the primary task page and re-present the primary task and answer options.
$j - 6 = 7$