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# The Distributive Property

## What does it mean??

$$a(b+c) = ab+ac$$

$$a(b-c) = ab-ac$$

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$$(b+c)a = ab+ac$$

$$(b-c)a = ab-ac$$

**Rewrite using the distributive property and simplify.**

Ex:  $8(10 + 4)$

$$\begin{aligned} & 8 \cdot 10 + 8 \cdot 4 \\ & 80 + 32 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{112}$$

Ex:  $(12 - 3)6$

$$\begin{aligned} & 6 \cdot 12 - 6 \cdot 3 \\ & 72 - 18 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{54}$$

**Make mental math easier.**

Ex:  $15 \cdot 99$      $15(100 - 1)$

$$15 \cdot 100 - 15 \cdot 1$$

$$1500 - 15$$

$$\boxed{1485}$$

Ex:  $12(103)$      $12(100 + 3)$

$$12 \cdot 100 + 12 \cdot 3$$

$$1200 + 36$$

$$\boxed{1236}$$

$$\text{Ex: } 35(2\frac{1}{5})$$

$$35\left(2 + \frac{1}{5}\right)$$

$$35 \cdot 2 + 35 \cdot \frac{1}{5}$$

→ same as  
 $35 \div 5$

$$70 + 7$$

$$\boxed{77}$$

Rewrite and simplify.

Ex:  $5(g - 9)$   $5g - 45$

Ex:  $3(2x^2 + 4x - 1)$   $6x^2 + 12x - 3$

**like terms**: contain the same variables to the same power

like:  $3x^2$  and  $x^2$      $\frac{1}{2}y$  and  $\frac{1}{2}y$

unlike:  $5x^2$  and  $5x$      $3y^3$  and  $2y$

**equivalent expressions**: denote the same value

Ex:  $5x^2 + 2x^2$  and  $7x^2$

**simplest form:** when an expression has no more like terms or parentheses left

**coefficient:** number part of a term

Ex: What is the coefficient of  $7x^3$ ? **7**

Ex: What is the coefficient of  $y$ ? **1**

# Simplify.

$$\text{Ex: } 15x + 12x$$

$$27x$$

$$\text{Ex: } \cancel{5y^2} + 7y - \cancel{2y^2}$$

$$3y^2 + 7y$$



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