

1-5 Study Guide and Intervention

The Distributive Property

Simplify Expressions A **term** is a number, a variable, or a product or quotient of numbers and variables. **Like terms** are terms that contain the same variables, with corresponding variables having the same powers. The Distributive Property and properties of equalities can be used to simplify expressions. An expression is in **simplest form** if it is replaced by an **equivalent** expression with no like terms or parentheses.

💡 **DRAW ARROWS**

Example

Simplify $4(a^2 + 3ab) - ab$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 4(a^2 + 3ab) - ab &= 4(a^2 + 3ab) - 1ab && \text{Multiplicative Identity} \\
 &= 4a^2 + 12ab - 1ab && \text{Distributive Property} \\
 &= 4a^2 + (12 - 1)ab && \text{Distributive Property} \\
 &= 4a^2 + 11ab && \text{Substitution}
 \end{aligned}$$

A couple of these steps are shown for clarity, you would normally do them using mental math.

YOU MAY SHOW WORK ON THIS SHEET IF IT IS NEAT. OTHERWISE, USE LOOSELEAF

Exercises

Simplify each expression. If not possible, write *simplified*.

1. $12a - a$

2. $3x + 6x$

3. $3x - 1$

4. $12g - 10g + 1$

5. $-2x - 12$

6. $4x^2 + 3x + 7$

7. $20a + 12a - 8$

8. $3x^2 + 2x^2$

9. $-6x + 3x^2 + 10x^2$

10. $2p + \frac{1}{2}q$

11. $10xy - 4(xy + xy)$

12. $21c + 18c + 31b - 3b$

13. $3x - 2x - 2y + 2y$

14. $xy - 2xy$

15. $12a - 12b + 12c$

16. $4x + \frac{1}{4}(16x - 20y)$

17. $2 - 1 - 6x + x^2$

18. $4x^2 + 3x^2 + 2x$

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Skills Practice

The Distributive Property

$$\textcircled{\text{Ex}} \quad 3(2+1) = 6+3 = \boxed{9}$$

Rewrite each expression using the Distributive Property. Then simplify.

1. $4(3 + 5)$

2. $2(6 + 10)$

3. $5(7 - 4)$

4. $(6 - 2)8$

5. $(a + 7)2$

6. $7(h - 10)$

7. $3(m + n)$

8. $(x - y)6$

9. $2(x - y + 1)$

10. $3(a + b - 1)$

Use the Distributive Property to find each product.

11. $5 \cdot 89$

12. $9 \cdot 99$

13. $15 \cdot 104$

14. $15\left(2\frac{1}{3}\right)$

15. $12\left(1\frac{1}{4}\right)$

16. $8\left(3\frac{1}{8}\right)$

Simplify each expression. If not possible, write *simplified*.

17. $2x + 8x$

18. $17g + g$

19. $16m - 10m$

20. $12p - 8p$

21. $2x^2 + 6x^2$

22. $7a^2 - 2a^2$

23. $3y^2 - 2y$

24. $2(n + 2n)$

25. $4(2b - b)$

26. $3q^2 + q - q^2$

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