

# 1.4 The Distributive Property

**Essential Question** How do you multiply two 2-digit numbers using mental math?

## 1 ACTIVITY: Finding Products Involving Multiples of 10

Working with a partner, take turns using mental math to find the product.

Read the expression to your partner. Then ask your partner to write the answer.

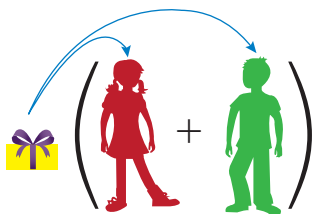
- a.  $10 \times 20$       b.  $10 \times 30$       c.  $10 \times 13$       d.  $24 \times 10$   
e.  $20 \times 25$       f.  $30 \times 12$       g.  $13 \times 40$       h.  $30 \times 70$

In Activity 1, you used mental math to find simple products. You can use the *Distributive Property* and mental math to find more complicated products.

## The Meaning of a Word ● Distribute

When you **distribute** something to each person in a group,

you give that thing to each person in the group.



## 2 ACTIVITY: Using Mental Math

Work with a partner. Use the Distributive Property and mental math to find the product.

a. **Sample:**  $6 \times 23$

$$\begin{aligned} 6 \times 23 &= 6 \times (20 + 3) \\ &= (6 \times 20) + (6 \times 3) \\ &= 120 + 18 \\ &= 138 \end{aligned}$$

Write 23 as the sum of 20 and 3.

Distribute the 6 over the sum.

Find the products.

Add.

∴ So,  $6 \times 23 = 138$ .

- b.  $4 \times 17$       c.  $8 \times 26$       d.  $7 \times 33$       e.  $9 \times 47$

### 3 ACTIVITY: Two Ways to Multiply

Work with a partner. Find the product two different ways. Compare the two methods.

Hmmm. Which method is easier?



a. Sample:  $63 \times 28$

Method 1

$$\begin{array}{r} 63 \\ \times 28 \\ \hline 504 \\ + 1260 \\ \hline 1764 \end{array}$$

Method 2

$$\begin{array}{r} 63 \\ \times 28 \\ \hline 1200 \\ 60 \\ 480 \\ + 24 \\ \hline 1764 \end{array}$$

$28$  is  $20 + 8$ .  
 $63$  is  $60 + 3$ .  
 Multiply 20 and 60.  
 Multiply 20 and 3.  
 Multiply 8 and 60.  
 Multiply 8 and 3.  
 Add.

b.  $32 \times 45$

c.  $37 \times 61$

d.  $28 \times 57$

e.  $17 \times 43$

### 4 ACTIVITY: Using Mental Math

Work with a partner. Use the Distributive Property and mental math to find the product.

a. Sample:  $60 \times 49$

$$\begin{aligned} 60 \times 49 &= 60 \times (50 - 1) \\ &= (60 \times 50) - (60 \times 1) \\ &= 3000 - 60 \\ &= 2940 \end{aligned}$$

Write 49 as the difference of 50 and 1.  
 Distribute the 60 over the difference.  
 Find the products.  
 Subtract.

So,  $60 \times 49 = 2940$ .

b.  $20 \times 19$

c.  $40 \times 29$

d.  $25 \times 39$

e.  $15 \times 47$

## What Is Your Answer?

5. **IN YOUR OWN WORDS** How can you multiply two 2-digit numbers using mental math? Use an example in your answer.

Practice

Use what you learned about the Distributive Property to complete Exercises 4–7 on page 26.

**Key Idea**
**Distributive Property**

**Words** To multiply a sum or difference by a number, multiply each number in the sum or difference by the number outside the parentheses. Then evaluate.

**Numbers**  $3(7 + 2) = 3 \times 7 + 3 \times 2$



$3(7 - 2) = 3 \times 7 - 3 \times 2$



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



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

**EXAMPLE 1** Using Mental Math

Use the Distributive Property and mental math to find  $8 \times 53$ .

$$\begin{aligned} 8 \times 53 &= 8(50 + 3) && \text{Write 53 as } 50 + 3. \\ &= 8(50) + 8(3) && \text{Distributive Property} \\ &= 400 + 24 && \text{Multiply.} \\ &= 424 && \text{Add.} \end{aligned}$$

**On Your Own**

Use the Distributive Property and mental math to find the product.

1.  $5 \times 41$       2.  $12 \times 32$       3.  $9 \times 19$       4.  $6(37)$

*Now You're Ready*  
Exercises 4–11

**EXAMPLE 2** Simplifying Algebraic Expressions

Use the Distributive Property to simplify the expression.

a.  $4(n + 5)$

$$\begin{aligned} 4(n + 5) &= 4(n) + 4(5) && \text{Distributive Property} \\ &= 4n + 20 && \text{Multiply.} \end{aligned}$$

b.  $12(y - 3)$

$$\begin{aligned} 12(y - 3) &= 12(y) - 12(3) && \text{Distributive Property} \\ &= 12y - 36 && \text{Multiply.} \end{aligned}$$

**On Your Own**

Use the Distributive Property to simplify the expression.

5.  $7(a + 2)$       6.  $10(9 + b)$       7.  $6(b - 7)$       8.  $3(d - 11)$

**EXAMPLE 3** Standardized Test PracticeWhich expression is equivalent to  $9(6 + x + 2)$ ?

- (A)  $9x + 8$       (B)  $9x + 54$       (C)  $9x + 56$       (D)  $9x + 72$

$$\begin{aligned}
 9(6 + x + 2) &= 9(6) + 9(x) + 9(2) && \text{Distributive Property} \\
 &= 54 + 9x + 18 && \text{Multiply.} \\
 &= 9x + 54 + 18 && \text{Commutative Property of Addition} \\
 &= 9x + 72 && \text{Add 54 and 18.}
 \end{aligned}$$

∴ The correct answer is (D).

**On Your Own**

Now You're Ready  
Exercises 12–27

Use the Distributive Property to simplify the expression.

9.  $2(n + 5 + 12)$       10.  $15(y + 3 + 7)$       11.  $5(10 + z + 9)$   
 12.  $3(x + 11 + 4)$       13.  $7(2 + 6 + d)$       14.  $8(20 + 25 + w)$

**EXAMPLE 4** Real-Life Application

José is  $x$  years old. His brother, Felipe, is 2 years older than José. Their aunt, Maria, is three times as old as Felipe. Write and simplify an expression that represents Maria's age in years.

Name	Description	Expression
José	He is $x$ years old.	$x$
Felipe	He is 2 years <i>older</i> than José. So, <i>add 2</i> to $x$ .	$x + 2$
Maria	She is three <i>times</i> as old as Felipe. So, <i>multiply 3</i> and $(x + 2)$ .	$3(x + 2)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 3(x + 2) &= 3(x) + 3(2) && \text{Distributive Property} \\
 &= 3x + 6 && \text{Multiply.}
 \end{aligned}$$

∴ Maria's age in years is represented by the expression  $3x + 6$ .

**On Your Own**

15. Alexis is  $x$  years old. Her sister, Gloria, is 7 years older than Alexis. Their grandfather is five times as old as Gloria. Write and simplify an expression that represents their grandfather's age in years.



## Vocabulary and Concept Check

- WRITING** One meaning of the word *distribute* is to give something to each member of a group. How can this help you remember the Distributive Property?
- OPEN-ENDED** Write an algebraic expression in which you use the Distributive Property and then the Associative Property of Addition to simplify.
- WHICH ONE DOESN'T BELONG?** Which expression does *not* belong with the other three? Explain your reasoning.

$2(x + 2)$

$5(x - 8)$

$4 + (x \cdot 4)$

$8(9 - x)$



## Practice and Problem Solving

Use the Distributive Property and mental math to find the product.

- 1 4.  $3 \times 21$       5.  $9 \times 76$       6.  $12(43)$       7.  $5(88)$   
8.  $18 \times 52$       9.  $8 \times 27$       10.  $8(63)$       11.  $7(28)$

Use the Distributive Property to simplify the expression.

- 2 3 12.  $3(x + 4)$       13.  $10(b - 6)$       14.  $6(s - 9)$       15.  $7(8 + y)$   
16.  $8(12 + a)$       17.  $9(n + 1)$       18.  $12(6 - k)$       19.  $18(w + 5)$   
20.  $9(3 + c + 4)$       21.  $7(8 + x + 2)$       22.  $8(g + 5 + 2)$       23.  $6(10 + z + 3)$   
24.  $6(x + 4) + 3$       25.  $5 + 8(3 + x)$       26.  $9 + 8(x + 2)$       27.  $5(8 + x) + 12$

28. **ERROR ANALYSIS** Describe and correct the error in rewriting the expression.



$6(y + 8) = 6y + 8$

29. **ART MUSEUM** A class of 30 students visits an art museum and a special exhibit while there.

- Use the Distributive Property to write and simplify an expression for the cost.
- Estimate a reasonable value for  $x$ . Explain.
- Use your estimate for  $x$  to evaluate both expressions in part (a). Are the values the same?

PRICES		
	Museum	Exhibit
Child (under 5)	Free	Free
Student	\$8	$\$x$
Regular	\$12	\$4
Senior	\$10	\$3

30. **FITNESS** Each day, you run on a treadmill for  $r$  minutes and lift weights for 15 minutes. Which expressions can you use to find how many minutes of exercise you do in 5 days? Explain your reasoning.

$5(r + 15)$

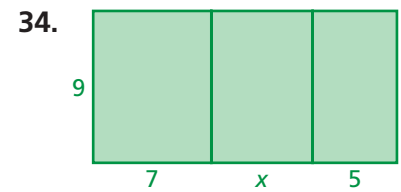
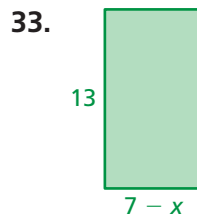
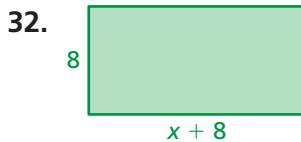
$5r + 5 \cdot 15$

$5r + 15$

$r(5 + 15)$

31. **SPEED** A cheetah can run 103 feet per second. A zebra can run  $x$  feet per second. Use the Distributive Property to write and simplify an expression for how much farther the cheetah can run in 10 seconds.

**GEOMETRY** Use the Distributive Property to write and simplify an expression for the area of the rectangle.



**ALGEBRA** Find the value of  $x$  that makes the expressions equivalent.

35.  $4(x - 5); 32 - 20$

36.  $2(x + 9); 30 + 18$

37.  $7(8 - x); 56 - 21$

Use the Distributive Property to rewrite the expression as a product.

38.  $4x + 36$

39.  $6 + 2x$

40.  $75 - 5x$

41.  $7 + 14x + 21$

42. **REASONING** Simplify the expressions and compare.

a.  $4(x + 6)$

b.  $(x + 6) + (x + 6) + (x + 6) + (x + 6)$

- c. Compare the expressions and results in parts (a) and (b). What do you notice? Explain.

43. **FUNDRAISER** An art club sells 42 large candles and 56 small candles.

- a. Use the Distributive Property to write and simplify an expression for the profit.  
b. A large candle costs \$5 and a small candle costs \$3. What is the club's profit?



Profit = Price - Cost

44. **Puzzle** Add one set of parentheses to the expression  $7 \cdot x + 3 + 8 \cdot x + 3 \cdot x + 8 - 9$  so that it is equivalent to  $2(9x + 10)$ .



## Fair Game Review

what you learned in previous grades & lessons

Evaluate the expression when  $x = 5$  and  $y = 24$ .

45.  $x + 9$

46.  $y \div 3$

47.  $xy$

48.  $y - x$

Tell whether the fraction is in simplest form. If not, simplify it.

49.  $\frac{8}{12}$

50.  $\frac{6}{35}$

51.  $\frac{38}{62}$

52.  $\frac{16}{27}$

53. **MULTIPLE CHOICE** What is the surface area of a cube that has a side length of 8 feet?

(A)  $64 \text{ ft}^2$

(B)  $192 \text{ ft}^2$

(C)  $384 \text{ ft}^2$

(D)  $512 \text{ ft}^2$