Pre-Algebra Lesson 2.2 The Distributive Property

Goal: to use the distributive property to simplify expressions and to use mental math.

You and a friend are going on a camping trip. You each buy a backpack that costs \$90 and a sleeping bag that costs \$60. What is the total cost for the camping trip for you and your friend?

180 120

\$150x3 \$300

What 2 methods could we use to figure this out?

Equivalent expressions -

from previous example:

$$2(90 + 60) = 2(90) + 2(60)$$

This is the Distributive Property

The Distributive Property:

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

$$(4+x)^2 = 2.4 + 2x = 8+2x$$

$$-3(x-5) = -3.4 + -3.-5 = -3.4 + 15$$

Why does it work to distribute both forward and backward?

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After touring a cave, you visit the gift shop and buy 3 geodes. Each geode costs \$5.95.

We can use the distributive property and mental math the find to total cost.

$$3(6-.05)$$
 or $3(5£.95)$
 $18-.15=($17.85)$

Evaluate the expression using the distributive property and mental math.

$$4(105) = 4(100 + 6) = 420$$

$$3(97) = 3(90+7) \text{ or } 3(100-3)$$

$$5(2.9) \qquad \qquad 300-9=29$$

$$5(2+9) \qquad \qquad 5(3-1)$$

$$15-.5 = 4.5$$

Use the distributive property to write an equivalent variable expression.

$$9(10r - s) 90 - 95$$

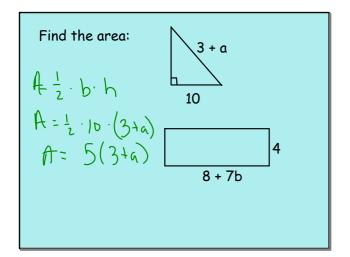
$$(y + 12)(-3)$$

$$-8(4x+6) - 2x(48) - 3y(56) = -3y - 36$$

$$-32x-48$$

Are each pair of expressions equivalent? Why or why not?

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