Generating Equivalent Expressions

1. Write an equivalent expression to 2x + 3 + 5x + 6 by combining like terms.

2. Find the sum of (8a + 2b - 4) and (3b - 5).

3. Write the expression in standard form: $4(2a) + 7(-4b) + (3 \cdot c \cdot 5)$.

For Problems 1–9, write equivalent expressions by combining like terms. Verify the equivalence of your expression and the given expression by evaluating each for the given values: a = 2, b = 5, and c = -3.

1.
$$3a + 5a$$

2.
$$8b - 4b$$

3.
$$5c + 4c + c$$

4.
$$3a + 6 + 5a$$

5.
$$8b + 8 - 4b$$

6.
$$5c - 4c + c$$

7.
$$3a + 6 + 5a - 2$$

8.
$$8b + 8 - 4b - 3$$

9.
$$5c - 4c + c - 3c$$

Use any order, any grouping to write equivalent expressions by combining like terms. Then, verify the equivalence of your expression to the given expression by evaluating for the value(s) given in each problem.

10.
$$3(6a)$$
; for $a = 3$

11.
$$5d(4)$$
; for $d = -2$

12.
$$(5r)(-2)$$
; for $r = -3$

13.
$$3b(8) + (-2)(7c)$$
; for $b = 2, c = 3$

14.
$$-4(3s) + 2(-t)$$
; for $s = \frac{1}{2}$, $t = -3$

15.
$$9(4p) - 2(3q) + p$$
; for $p = -1$, $q = 4$

16.
$$7(4g) + 3(5h) + 2(-3g)$$
; for $g = \frac{1}{2}$, $h = \frac{1}{3}$

The problems below are follow-up questions to Example 1, part (b) from Classwork: Find the sum of 2x + 1 and 5x.

- 17. Jack got the expression 7x + 1 and then wrote his answer as 1 + 7x. Is his answer an equivalent expression? How do you know?
- 18. Jill also got the expression 7x + 1, and then wrote her answer as 1x + 7. Is her expression an equivalent expression? How do you know?

Write an equivalent expression to 2x + 3 + 5x + 6 by combining like terms.

$$2x + 3 + 5x + 6$$

$$2x + 5x + 3 + 6$$

7x + 9

2. Find the sum of (8a + 2b - 4) and (3b - 5).

$$(8a + 2b - 4) + (3b - 5)$$

$$8a + 2b + (-4) + 3b + (-5)$$

$$8a + 2b + 3b + (-4) + (-5)$$

$$8a + (5b) + (-9)$$

8a + 5b - 9

Write the expression in standard form: $4(2a) + 7(-4b) + (3 \cdot c \cdot 5)$.

$$(4 \cdot 2)a + (7 \cdot (-4))b + (3 \cdot 5)c$$

$$8a + (-28)b + 15c$$

8a - 28b + 15c

For Problems 1-9, write equivalent expressions by combining like terms. Verify the equivalence of your expression and the given expression by evaluating each for the given values: a = 2, b = 5, and c = -3.

1. 3a + 5a

8a

8(2)

16

3(2) + 5(2)

6 + 10

16

2. 8b - 4b

4b4(5)

20

8(5) - 4(5)

40 - 20

20

3. 5c + 4c + c

10c

10(-3)-30

5(-3) + 4(-3) + (-3)

-15 + (-12) + (-3)

-27 + (-3)

-30

3a + 6 + 5a

8a + 68(2) + 6

16 + 6

3(2) + 6 + 5(2)

6 + 6 + 10

12 + 10

22

22

5. 8b + 8 - 4b

4b + 84(5) + 8

20 + 8

28

8(5) + 8 - 4(5)

40 + 8 - 2048 - 20

28

6. 5c - 4c + c

2c

2(-3)-6

5(-3) - 4(-3) + (-3)

-15 + (-4(-3)) + (-3)

-15 + (12) + (-3)

-3 + (-3)

-6

Use any order, any grouping to write equivalent expressions by combining like terms. Then, verify the equivalence of your expression to the given expression by evaluating for the value(s) given in each problem.

Problem	Your Expression	Given Expression
10. $3(6a)$; for $a = 3$ 18 a	18 <i>a</i> 18(3) 54	3(6(3)) 3(18) 54
11. $5d(4)$; for $d = -2$ 20 d	$egin{array}{c} 20d \ 20(-2) \ -40 \ \end{array}$	5(-2)(4) $-10(4)$ -40
12. $(5r)(-2)$; for $r = -3$ -10 r	$-10r \\ -10(-3) \\ 30$	(5(-3))(-2) (-15)(-2) 30
13. $3b(8) + (-2)(7c)$; for $b = 2$, $c = 3$ 24b - 14c	24b - 14c $24(2) - 14(3)$ $48 - 42$	3(2)(8) + (-2)(7(3)) 6(8) + (-2)(21) 48 + (-42) 6
14. $-4(3s) + 2(-t)$; for $s = \frac{1}{2}$, $t = -3$ -12s - 2t	$-12s - 2t$ $-12\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - 2(-3)$ $-6 + \left(-2(-3)\right)$ $-6 + (6)$ 0	$-4\left(3\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\right) + 2\left(-(-3)\right)$ $-4\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) + 2(3)$ $-2(3) + 2(3)$ $-6 + 6$ 0
15. $9(4p) - 2(3q) + p$; for $p = -1$, $q = 4$ $37p - 6q$	37p - 6q 37(-1) - 6(4) -37 + (-6(4)) -37 + (-24) -61	9(4(-1)) - 2(3(4)) + (-1) $9(-4) + (-2(12)) + (-1)$ $-36 + (-24) + (-1)$ $-60 + (-1)$
16. $7(4g) + 3(5h) + 2(-3g)$; for $g = \frac{1}{2}$, $h = \frac{1}{3}$ 28g + 15h + (-6g) 22g + 15h	$22g + 15h$ $22\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + 15\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$ $11 + 5$ 16	$7\left(4\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\right) + 3\left(5\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)\right) + 2\left(-3\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\right)$ $7(2) + 3\left(\frac{5}{3}\right) + 2\left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)$ $14 + 5 + (-3)$ $19 + (-3)$ 16

The problems below are follow-up questions to Example 1, part (b) from Classwork: Find the sum of 2x + 1 and 5x.

17. Jack got the expression 7x + 1 and then wrote his answer as 1 + 7x. Is his answer an equivalent expression? How do you know?

Yes; Jack correctly applied any order (the commutative property), changing the order of addition.

18. Jill also got the expression 7x + 1 and then wrote her answer as 1x + 7. Is her expression an equivalent expression? How do you know?

No, "any order" (the commutative property) does not apply to mixing addition and multiplication; therefore, the 7x must remain intact as a term.

1(4) + 7 = 11 and 7(4) + 1 = 29; the expressions do not evaluate to the same value for x = 4.