

# Order of Operations

Order of operations is a set of rules that mathematicians use when computing numbers. Here is how order of operations is used to solve the following problem:  $7 + (5 \times 4) \times 3$ .

## Order of Operations

First, compute all numbers inside parentheses.

$$7 + (5 \times 4) \times 3$$

$$7 + 20 \times 3$$

Next, evaluate terms with exponents. If there are no exponents, go to the next step.

$$7 + 20 \times 3$$

Then, multiply and divide the numbers from left to right.

$$7 + 60$$

Finally, add and subtract the numbers from left to right.

$$67$$

How to use parentheses to make each sentence true:

$$6 + 2 \times 9 = 72$$

Using order of operations,  
 $6 + 2 \times 9 = 24$ , not 72.

Place parentheses around  $6 + 2$  so that this operation is done first:

$$(6 + 2) \times 9 = 72$$

$$8 \times 9 = 72$$

Evaluate each expression.

1.  $8 + 7 \times 5 =$  \_\_\_\_\_

2.  $18 - 3 \times 2 =$  \_\_\_\_\_

3.  $3 \times 7 + 3 \times 5 =$  \_\_\_\_\_

4.  $40 \div (2 \times 4) =$  \_\_\_\_\_

5.  $6 \times 3 - 6 \times 2 =$  \_\_\_\_\_

6.  $9 + 2^3 =$  \_\_\_\_\_

7.  $7 + 12 \times 3 - 2 =$  \_\_\_\_\_

8.  $4 \times (5 + 5) \div 20 + 6 =$  \_\_\_\_\_

9.  $4^2 - (3 \times 5) =$  \_\_\_\_\_

10.  $(3 \times 2) + 3^2 =$  \_\_\_\_\_

11. **Reasoning** Which operation should be performed *last* in this problem:  $3^2 + 7 \times 4$ ? Why?

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Use parentheses to make each sentence true.

12.  $0 \times 6 + 9 = 9$  \_\_\_\_\_

13.  $3^2 + 2 \times 2 = 13$  \_\_\_\_\_