

***I can write and evaluate expressions.***

**Terms:** A number, a variable or the product of a number and a variable.

**Like Terms:** Have the same variable and/or the same variable factors

**Coefficient:** the number in front of the variable

Like Terms	Unlike Terms
$2x$ and $3x$	$2x$ and $2y$
$xy$ and $4xy$	$2xy$ and $6x$
$-6y$ and $2y$	$4x^2$ and $4x$

\*When a variable does not have a number in front of it (like  $c$ ), there is an understood 1 in front of the variable

An expression is in simplest form when it has no like terms and no parenthesis.

To simplify expressions with multiple terms, add or subtract the coefficients of like terms.

**Examples: One Variable**

Identify the terms in the expression, then combine the like terms.

1)  $-13c + c$

Simplify  $-12c$

2)  $(2x + 3x) - 2 + (4x) + 5$

Simplify  $9x + 3$

3)  $(0.3f - f) + 10 + (0.7f + 3f) - 4$

Simplify  $3f + 6$

4)  $(m) - \frac{3}{5}(-5m) + \frac{1}{6}$

Simplify  $-4m - \frac{7}{30}$

5)  $(3f^2 - f) + 10 + (2f^2 + f) - 4$

Simplify  $5f^2 + 6$

6)  $(-a^2) - \frac{1}{2}(-5a^2) + \frac{1}{6}(-2a)$

Simplify  $-6a^2 - 2a - \frac{1}{3}$

**Examples: Two or More Variables**

Identify the terms in the expression, then combine the like terms.

1)  $0.3a - b + 0.9a + 3b$

Simplify  $1.2a + 2b$

2)  $8f - 2t + 3f + t$

Simplify  $11f - t$

**Examples: Products of Two Variables**

Identify the terms in the expression, then combine the like terms.

1)  $3x + 2xy - 2.6x + 7xy + 7$

Simplify  $9xy + 0.4x + 7$

2)  $3ab - a - 7 + 5ab + 5a + 4$

Simplify  $8ab + 4a - 3$

3)  $3ab + 4b - 3.5ab + ab - 5b + b$

Simplify  $0.5ab$

4)  $3xy + y - \frac{1}{4}x + xy + 6x + \frac{1}{2}y$

Simplify  $4xy + 5\frac{3}{4}x + 1\frac{1}{2}y$

**Test Example:**

1) Which of the following are equivalent to the following expression:

$2a - 4b + (-3a) + 9b - 4a + 6b$

Select ALL that apply.

- A.  $9a + 19b$
- B.  $3a + 11b$
- C.  $19a + 9b$
- D.  $(6a - 3a) + (15b - 4b)$
- E.  $11b + 3a$
- F.  $(2 - 3 + 4 + 6)a + (-4 + 9 + 6)b$

2) Select all that apply. Which of the following are equivalent to:

$2xy + 3x - 2x - 5 + xy$

- A.  $xy + 5x + 5$
- B.  $xy - x - 5$
- C.  $3xy + x - 5$
- D.  $3xy + x + 5$
- E.  $3xy + 1x - 5$

$3xy + x - 5$

3) Enter the value of n so the expression

$(-y + 5.3) + (7.2y - 9)$  is equivalent to  $6.2y + n$ .

$6.2y - 3.7$        $n = -3.7$

4) Enter the value of n so the expression

$(-3y + 2.5) + (9.5y - 10)$  is equivalent to  $6.5y + n$ .

$6.5y - 7.5$        $n = -7.5$