

**Algebra – 3B****Exercise A**

Simplify the following expressions where possible.

1  $3a + 5a$

2  $6x - 2x$

3  $4a + 3b$

4  $6c - 4d$

5  $3d + d$

6  $3x + 2$

7  $7y + 2y$

8  $5h - 3h$

9  $8w - 5w$

10  $6y - 5y$

11  $7x + y$

12  $8m + m$

13  $16y - 9y$

14  $6m + 5n$

15  $4x + 6$

16  $5b + 8b$

17  $20t - 8t$

18  $7p - 6p$

19  $10n + 15n$

20  $6a - 5$

21  $8x + 2$

22  $14h + 16h$

23  $9 - 7x$

24  $8b - 4$

25  $7a + 6$

26  $5c + c$

27  $12y - 12$

28  $12y - y$

**Exercise B**

Simplify the following expressions as far as possible by collecting like terms.

1  $3a + 5b + 3a + 2b$

2  $2x + 4y + 7x + 3y$

3  $8x + 4y - 5x - 2y$

4  $7m + 5n - 4m + 3n$

5  $6a + 5 + a + 4$

6  $8a + 3b - 6a + 4b$

7  $5x + 9 - 2x - 7$

8  $7p + 9q + 2p - 4q$

9  $7x + 8 + x - 6$

10  $a + 14b + 5a - 4b$

11  $6m + 8 + 6m - 7$

12  $3h + 20 - h + 5$

13  $5m + 2n + 4n + 7m$

14  $8p + 6q - 3q - 2p$

15  $6x + 10 - 6 + 3x$

16  $7x + 3y + x + 6$

17  $8a + 3b - 4a + 4c$

18  $5w + 8 - 3w + w$

19  $8 + 4a + 7 - 2a$

20  $4y + 8 - 5 - 3y$

21  $5c - c + 6a + 8c$

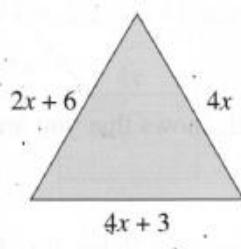
22  $5p + 6q + 4p - 4q$

23  $7m + 9n - 7n + 4$

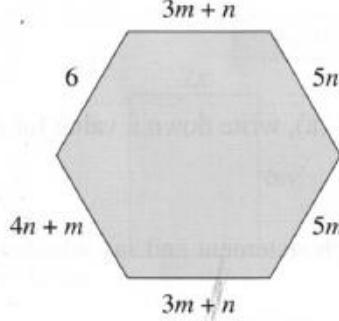
24  $6x + 8 - x + 9x$

- 25 Write down an expression for the perimeter of each shape below. Collect like terms where possible.

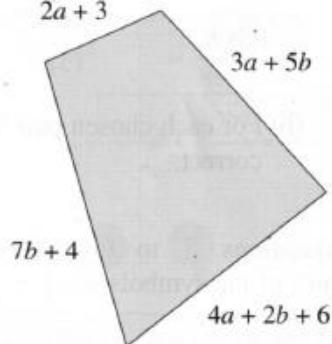
(a)



(b)



(c)



- 26 Which two expressions below are *equivalent* (this means they give the same answer when the like terms are collected).

(a)  $5x + 3 - 2x + 6y + x$

(b)  $3y + 4x + 3y + 6 - 2$

(c)  $7 + 4y + 4x + 2y - 3$

### Exercise C

- 1 (a) Write down any pairs of expressions from below that are equal to each other.

$xy$	$\frac{y}{x}$	$x - y$
$\frac{x}{y}$	$y - x$	$x + y$
$yx$	$y + x$	

- (b) For each chosen pair from part (a), write down a pair of values for  $x$  and  $y$  which show that you are correct.

- 2 (a) Write down any pairs of expressions from below that are equal to each other.

$n + n$	$2 \times n$
$4 - n$	$n^2$
$n \times n$	$\frac{4}{n}$
$n - 4$	

- (b) For each chosen pair from part (a), write down a value for  $n$  which shows that you are correct.

In questions 3 to 14 write down each statement and say whether it is ‘true’ or ‘false’ for all values of the symbols used.

If you are not sure, try different values for the letters

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| 3 $x + x + x = 3x$            | 4 $xw = wx$                                  | 5 $m \times m = 2m$ |
| 6 $m + n = n + m$             | 7 $5y - y = 5$                               | 8 $a \times 5 = 5a$ |
| 9 $\frac{x}{2} = \frac{2}{x}$ | 10 $a \times a \times a = 3a$                | 11 $a^2 = 2a$       |
| 12 $a \div 3 = 3 \div a$      | 13 $\frac{1}{2} \text{ of } b = \frac{b}{2}$ | 14 $3n^2 = (3n)^2$  |

- 15 Simplify the following expressions.

(a) $\frac{m}{m}$	(b) $\frac{4a}{4}$	(c) $\frac{n^2}{n}$	(d) $\frac{6x}{x}$
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## Exercise D

Simplify

1.  $4a \times 2b$

2.  $5c \times 3d$

3.  $6m \times 7n$

4.  $3p \times 8q$

5.  $9b \times 2a$

6.  $2m \times n \times 5p$

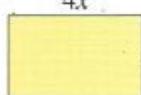
7.  $7a \times 3b \times 2c$

8.  $4q \times 6r \times p$

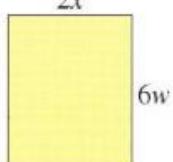
9.  $5a \times 3 \times 2b$

10. Use algebra to write down an expression for the area of each rectangle below.

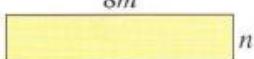
(a)



(b)



(c)



11. Simplify by collecting like terms

(a)  $pq + qp$

(b)  $3xy + 4mn - 2mn + 4yx$

(c)  $5m + nm + 3mn - 2m$

(d)  $4ab + 3a - 2ba - a + 3ab$

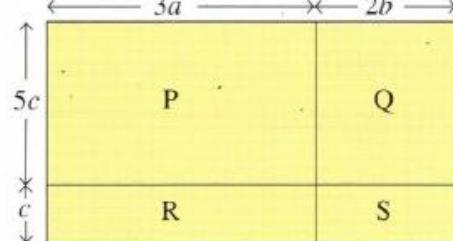
(e)  $x + y + xy + 3yx - x + 3xy$

(f)  $6cd + 4dc + ab - 2c + 3cd + ba$

(g)  $2a + 3ba - a + 5ab - 2ba$

(h)  $3q + 4pq - 2q + 3qp + 4$

12.



Use algebra to write down an expression for the area of each of the following:

(a) P

(b) Q

(c) P + R

(d) S

(e) Q + S

(f) P + Q + R + S

13. What must be added to  $6ba$  to give  $8ab$ ?

14. What must be added to  $3x + 7yx$  to give  $5x + 8xy$ ?

15. Neil multiplies two algebraic terms together and gets the answer  $12ab$ . Write down all the different pairs of terms that Neil may have used (numbers used must be whole numbers).

## Exercise E

In Questions 1 to 20 collect like terms together.

1.  $2x + 3 + 3x + 5$

2.  $4x + 8 + 5x - 3$

3.  $5x - 3 + 2x + 7$

4.  $6x + 1 + x + 3$

5.  $4x - 3 + 2x + 10 + x$

6.  $5x + 8 + x + 4 + 2x$

7.  $7x - 9 + 2x + 3 + 3x$

8.  $5x + 7 - 3x - 2$

9.  $4x - 6 - 2x + 1$

10.  $10x + 5 - 9x - 10 + x$

11.  $4a + 6b + 3 + 9a - 3b - 4$

12.  $8m - 3n + 1 + 6n + 2m + 7$

13.  $6p - 4 + 5q - 3p - 4 - 7q$

14.  $12s - 3t + 2 - 10s - 4t + 12$

15.  $a - 2b - 7 + a + 2b + 8$

16.  $3x + 2y + 5z - 2x - y + 2z$

17.  $6x - 5y + 3z - x + y + z$

18.  $2k - 3m + n + 3k - m - n$

19.  $12a - 3 + 2b - 6 - 8a + 3b$

20.  $3a + x + e - 2a - 5x - 6e$

**21.** Simplify where possible.

(a)  $x^2 - 3x + 1 + 2x^2 + 3x$

(c)  $x^3 - 7x + 4x^2$

(b)  $5a + ab - 3a + 4ab$

(d)  $ab + 3a^2 - 7a - ab + a^2$

**22.** Which of these expressions is equivalent to  $x - 2$ ?

A  $x^2 - 7x - 1 - x^2 + 8x + 3$

B  $x^2 + 7x + 2x - 8x - x^2 - 2$

C  $5 + 7x - x - 4 - 6x + x^2$

D  $5x - 7 + 4 - x + 1 - 3x$

Collect like terms together.

**23.**  $x^2 + 5x + 2 - 2x + 1$

**25.**  $x^2 + 5x + x^2 + x - 7$

**27.**  $3x^2 + 4x + 6 - x^2 - 3x - 3$

**29.**  $2x^2 - 2x + 3 - x^2 - 2x - 5$

**31.**  $3y^2 - 6x + y^2 + x^2 + 7x + 4x^2$

**33.**  $5 + 2y + 3y^2 - 8y - 6 + 2y^2 + 3$

**35.**  $3c^2 - d^2 + 2cd - 3c^2 - d^2$

**37.**  $x^3 + 2x^2 - x + 3x^2 + x^3 + x$

**39.**  $xy + ab - cd + 2xy - ab + dc$

**24.**  $x^2 + 2x + 2x^2 + 4x + 5$

**26.**  $2x^2 - 3x + 8 + x^2 + 4x + 4$

**28.**  $5x^2 - 3x + 2 - 3x^2 + 2x - 2$

**30.**  $6x^2 - 7x + 8 - 3x^2 + 5x - 10$

**32.**  $8 - 5x - 2x^2 + 4 + 6x + 2x^2$

**34.**  $ab + a^2 - 3b + 2ab - a^2$

**36.**  $ab + 2a^2 + 3ab - 4a^2 + 2a$

**38.**  $5 - x^2 - 2x^3 + 6 + 2x^2 + 3x^3$

**40.**  $pq - 3qp + p^2 + 2qp - q^2$