

**Expand 2 brackets and simplify  
expressions**

**e.g. where  $n \geq 1$**   $4(nx \pm 5) + 6(nx \pm 3)$

Maths

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# Expand 2 brackets and simplify expressions

1. Use the grids to help you expand and simplify.

a)  $3(x + 2)$

x	x	+2
3		

b)  $4(x - 3)$

x	x	-3
4		

- c) Use your answers to parts a) and b) to help you to simplify.

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

2. Expand and simplify these expressions.

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

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

What is the same and what is different about each of your answers?

3. Expand and simplify.

a)  $4(1 - y) + 6(4 + y)$     b)  $2(5g - 1) + 6(3 + 2g)$

c)  $3(2p - 1) + 2(3p + 4)$     d)  $x(5 + x) + 7(x - 1)$



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4. Which is the odd one out?

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

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

$$2(2x + 1) + 2(x + 2)$$

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

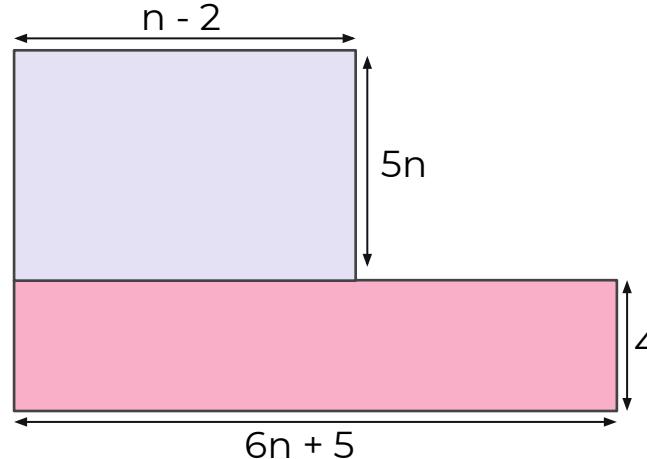
$$5x - 1 + 7 + x$$

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

5. Spot the error.

$$\begin{aligned}2(3d - 4e) + 3(6e - 5d) &\equiv 6d - 8e + 18e + 15d \\&\equiv 24d + 7e\end{aligned}$$

6. Find the area of the compound shape.



# Answers



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1. Use the grids to help you expand and simplify:

a)  $3(x + 2)$

x	x	+2
3	$3x$	+ 6

b)  $4(x - 3)$

x	x	-3
4	$4x$	-12

2. Expand and simplify these expressions.

a)  $5(x + 4) + 3(x - 2)$   $5x + 20 + 3x - 6 \equiv 8x + 14$

b)  $5(x - 4) + 3(x + 2)$   $5x - 20 + 3x + 6 \equiv 8x - 14$

c)  $5(x - 4) + 3(x - 2)$   $5x - 20 + 3x - 6 \equiv 8x - 26$

What is the same/different?

Same  $8x$  term but final number/sign differs

- c) Use your answers to parts a) and b) to help you to simplify

$$3(x + 2) + 4(x - 3) \quad 3x + 6 + 4x - 12 \equiv 7x - 6$$



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a)  $4(1 - y) + 6(4 + y)$     b)  $2(5g - 1) + 6(3 + 2g)$

$$\begin{aligned} & 4 - 4y + 24 + 6y && 10g - 2 + 18 + 12g \\ & \equiv 28 + 2y && \equiv 22g + 16 \end{aligned}$$

c)  $3(2p - 1) + 2(3p + 4)$     d)  $x(5 + x) + 7(x - 1)$

$$\begin{aligned} & 6p - 3 + 6p + 8 && 5x + x^2 + 7x - 7 \\ & \equiv 12p + 5 && \equiv x^2 + 12x - 7 \end{aligned}$$



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$$6x - 2$$

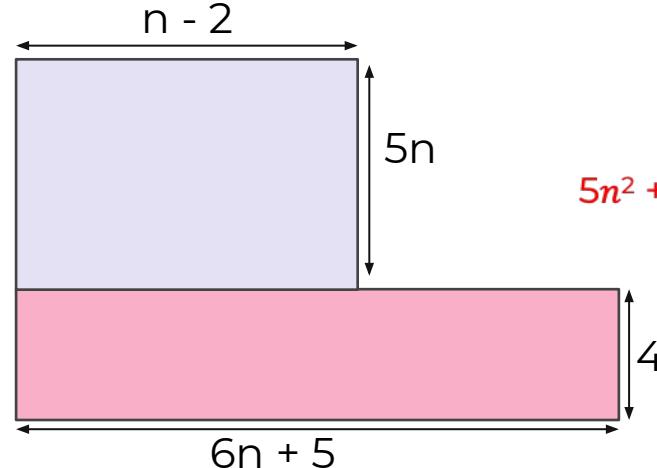
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$$6x + 6$$

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$$5n^2 + 14n + 20$$

