"I Can Identify the Properties of Math that Generate Equivalent Expressions." Commutative and Associative Properties

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Examples:

4e + 2e	$d^3 \bullet d^2$	2x+4

Use the idea of Combining Like Terms to Simplify the following expressions

4•2• <i>m</i> • <i>m</i>	<i>b</i> + <i>b</i> + <i>b</i> +2+7	8 - 2 + 7 + x + x
3 <i>a</i> +6 <i>a</i> -9	<i>a</i> +5 <i>a</i> +8-9	2a + 4a + 5b + 2b

Commutative Property

For which operations can we move around the numbers and still get the same answer?

2+6+8 and $8+6+2$	12-5-2 and $5-12-2$
6•4 and 4•6	$8 \div 2_{\text{and}} 2 \div 8$

OK but what if we use both addition and multiplication.

 $2+4\bullet 3_{and} 3+2\bullet 4$

Use the **Commutative Property** to combine like terms and simplify each expression.

1)	3• <i>g</i> •4	2)	a+b+a+b+a
3)	3•3• <i>d</i> •2• <i>d</i> • <i>d</i>	4)	2a + 4 + 6 + 3a
5)	2x + 3y + 2x + 9 + 7y	6)	$3 \bullet p \bullet p \bullet q \bullet 5 \bullet q \bullet p$

Associative Property

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Examples: Write an equivalent expression using the associative property.

¹⁾
$$(a+b)+c$$
 ²⁾ $8 \bullet (7 \bullet 9)$

³⁾
$$3 \bullet (1 \bullet 8) \bullet 2$$
 ⁴⁾ $(2e + 5e) + 7e$

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3a+6a-9 $9a-9$	a+5a+8-9 6a-1	$\frac{2a+4a+5b+2b}{6a+7b}$

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