

Properties of Operations



Listed in the box below are examples of properties. Use them to complete the problems on this page.

Commutative Properties

Associative Properties

Distributive Property

$$8 + 6 = 6 + 8$$

$$(3+7)+6=3+(7+6)$$

$$3 \cdot (5+6) = (3 \cdot 5) + (3 \cdot 6)$$

$$5 \cdot 12 = 12 \cdot 5$$

$$4 \cdot (5 \cdot 8) = (4 \cdot 5) \cdot 8$$

Show that each property above is true for the case given.

The first example is done for you.

1.
$$8 + 6 = 6 + 8$$

2.
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 3. $(3+7)+6=3+(7+6)$

$$14 = 14$$

4.
$$4 \cdot (5 \cdot 8) = (4 \cdot 5) \cdot 8$$

5.
$$3 \cdot (5 + 6) = (3 \cdot 5) + (3 \cdot 6)$$

Find the missing number and name the property shown. Then show that the property is true for the case given.

6.
$$(5+15)+8=5+(n+8)$$

7.
$$8 \cdot (7 + 4) = (8 \cdot 7) + (8 \cdot n)$$

8.
$$n + 22 = 22 + 8$$

9.
$$6 \cdot (n \cdot 8) = (6 \cdot 5) \cdot 8$$

10.
$$(2 \cdot 5) + (2 \cdot n) = 2 \cdot (5 + 9)$$
 11. $25 \cdot n = 2 \cdot 25$

- 12. Arsha bought 3 pairs of shoes and 3 pairs of jeans. The shoes cost \$18 a pair and the jeans cost \$22 a pair. How much did Arsha spend in all? Try to show two ways of figuring the total cost.
- 13. A box of pencils contains 10 pencils and a carton contains 50 of these boxes. If David ordered 4 cartons, how many pencils did he order? Try to show two ways of figuring the total number of pencils.

Use Multiplication Properties

Solve the equation. Identify the property used.

1.
$$17 \times a = 23 \times 17$$

2.
$$(4 \times 2) \times 5 = 4 \times (p \times 5)$$

$$3. n \times 1 = 240$$

4.
$$340 \times b = 0$$

5.
$$112 \times 13 = n \times 112$$

6.
$$8 \times (y \times 31) = (8 \times 7) \times 31$$

$$7.71 \times k = 71$$

8.
$$(z \times 14) \times 8 = 9 \times (14 \times 8)$$

9.
$$65 \times 0 = h$$

10.
$$28 \times 6 = 6 \times c$$

Identify the property shown.

11.
$$16 \times p = 16$$

12.
$$(y \times p) \times t = y \times (p \times t)$$

13.
$$r \times s = s \times r$$

14.
$$b \times 0 = 0$$

Mixed Review

Write equivalent or not equivalent to describe each pair of decimals.