Order of Operations

Use the order of operations to find the value of an expression with more than one operation.

Solve: $3 \times (4 + 5) + 6 \div 3$

First, perform the operation inside the parentheses.

Next, **multiply** and **divide** in order from left to right.

Finally, add.

$$3 \times (4 + 5) + 6 \div 3$$

$$4 + 5 = 9$$

In this case, 3×9 is solved first, then $6 \div 3$.

Practice

Circle the operation or operations that should be completed first.

1.
$$2 + 3 + (4 \times 6) - 7$$

2.
$$3 \times 5 + 2 + 4$$

3.
$$(2 \div 1) \times 4 \times 10$$

4.
$$5+5+5+10 \div 5$$

5.
$$5 \times (3-2) + 7$$

6.
$$7 \times 6 \div 7 \times (5 + 5)$$

Order of Operations

You can use the order of operations to help you solve expressions with exponents. An exponent of a number tells us how many times to multiply a base number.

Solve: $3 + 2^3 \times (4 - 1) \div 2$

First, perform all operations within parentheses.

Next, perform all operations with exponents. The exponent of 3 tells us we will multiply the base, 2, three times.

Then, multiply and divide in order from left to right.

Finally, add and subtract in order from left to right.

$$3 + 2^3 \times (4 - 1) \div 2$$

 $3 + 2^3 \times 3 \div 2$

$$3 + 23 \times 3 \div 2$$
$$23 = 2 \times 2 \times 2$$
$$3 + 8 \times 3 \div 2$$

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 $3 + 24 \div 2$

$$3 + 12 = 15$$

Practice

Find the value of each expression.

1.
$$5 \times (5-3)$$

5.
$$24 \div 2 + (3 \times 4)$$

4.
$$3^2 + 5 - 1 \times 2$$

8.
$$20 + (2^4 - 8) \times 2$$