

## STARTER:

Complete this table...

Name:

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Expression	Terms	Variables	Constants	Coefficients
$3x + 2y + 5$	$3x, 2y, 5$	$x$ and $y$	5	3 and 2
$7x + 4y + 2$				
$3x - 5$				
$6a + 4 - 6b$				
$a^2 + 2a - 9$				
$xy + 3x^2 + xz - 7$				

## Simplifying Algebraic Expressions

### “LIKE” TERMS

Use different colours to identify the “like” terms

Terms to identify:

- $2x$
- 4
- $3y$
- $2x^2$
- 5x
- 2
- 3
- $3x^2$
- 4x
- $x$
- y
- 7
- $\frac{1}{2}$

You can find “like” terms if...

1. they contain same variable
2. the variable is raised to the same power

Using these terms, can you find different ways to express  $3x + 6$ ?

### PRACTICE:

Collect “like” terms to simplify these expressions

1.  $2x + 4 + 3x + 3 =$
2.  $5x + 1 + 2x + 2 =$
3.  $6y + 2 + y + 3 =$
4.  $2a + 2b + a - b =$
5.  $a^2 + 3a + 2 + 2a^2 - a =$
6.  $2x^2 - 3x + 1 + 2y^2 + x - 7 =$

Tip: If it helps, circle the different “like” terms in different colours