

Grade 6: Unit 6: Lesson 8

Equal and Equivalent

Learning Goal:

- Let's use diagrams to figure out which expressions are equivalent and which are just sometimes equal.

Activity Purpose

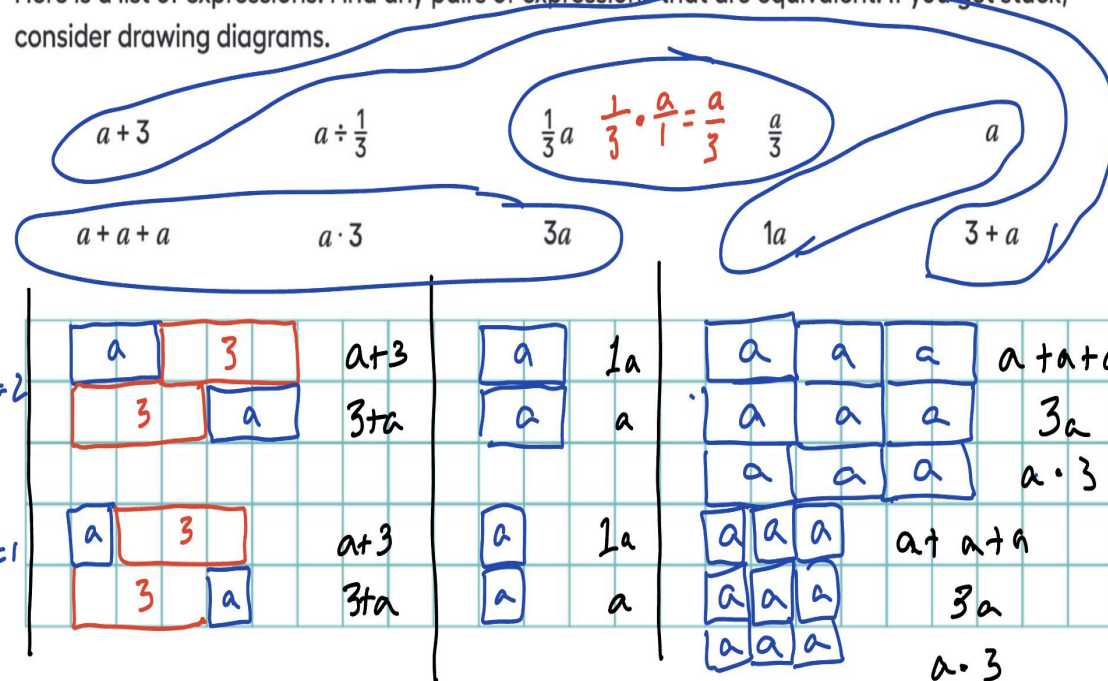
- Apply the properties of operations to determine if algebraic expressions are equivalent.

Approaches to Monitor

- Use tape diagrams, draw models, or show algebraic steps.

2 Identifying Equivalent Expressions

Here is a list of expressions. Find any pairs of expressions that are equivalent. If you get stuck, consider drawing diagrams.



$a+3$ $a+\frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{1}{3}a$ $\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{a}{1} = \frac{a}{3}$ $\frac{a}{3}$ a

$a+a+a$ $a \cdot 3$ $3a$ $1a$ $3+a$

$a=2$	a 3	$a+3$	a $1a$	a a a	$a+a+a$
	3 a	$3+a$	a a	a a a	$3a$
$a=1$	a 3	$a+3$	a $1a$	a a a	$a+a+a$
	3 a	$3+a$	a a	a a a	$3a$
				a a a	$a \cdot 3$

Grade 7: Unit 6: Lesson 10

Different Options for Solving One Equation



Learning Goal:

- Let's think about which way is better when we solve equations with parentheses.

Activity Purpose

- Compare three methods for solving the same equation.

Approaches to Monitor

- Different approaches for different equations.
- Use of diagrams to support thinking.
- Application of distributive property.

1 Analyzing Solution Methods

Three students each attempted to solve the equation $2(x - 9) = 10$, but they got different solutions. Here is their work. Do you agree with any of their methods? Explain or show your reasoning.

Noah's method:

$$\begin{aligned}2(x - 9) &= 10 \\2(x - 9) + 9 &= 10 + 9 && \text{Add 9 to each side} \\2x &= 19 \\2x \div 2 &= 19 \div 2 && \text{Divide each side by 2} \\x &= \frac{19}{2}\end{aligned}$$

X He should of distributed.

Elena's method:

$$\begin{aligned}2(x - 9) &= 10 \\2x - 18 &= 10 && \text{Apply the distributive property} \\2x - 18 - 18 &= 10 - 18 && \text{Subtract 18 from each side} \\2x &= -8 \\2x \div 2 &= -8 \div 2 && \text{Divide each side by 2} \\x &= -4\end{aligned}$$

X She should of added 18.

Andre's method:

$$\begin{aligned}2(x - 9) &= 10 \\2x - 18 &= 10 && \text{Apply the distributive property} \\2x - 18 + 18 &= 10 + 18 && \text{Add 18 to each side} \\2x &= 28 \\2x \div 2 &= 28 \div 2 && \text{Divide each side by 2} \\x &= 14\end{aligned}$$

✓ He did it right.

Why did no one divide by 2!?

Grade 8: Unit 4: Lesson 5

Solving Any Linear Equation



Learning Goal:

- Let's solve linear equations.

Activity Purpose

- Solve equations to investigate a number puzzle.

Approaches to Monitor

- Rewrite the expression in a simpler way after each instruction.
- Wait until the end to rewrite the expression.

2 A Puzzling Puzzle

Tyler says he invented a number puzzle. He asks Clare to pick a number, and then asks her to:

- Triple the number.
- Subtract 7.
- Double the result.
- Subtract 22.
- Divide by 6.

$$\begin{aligned} & x \\ & 3x \\ & 3x - 7 \\ & 2 \cdot (3x - 7) \\ & 6x - 7 - 22 \\ & 6x - 29 \div 6 \end{aligned} \quad ?$$

Clare says she now has -3. Tyler says her original number must have been a 3. How did Tyler know that? Follow the same instructions starting with x instead of a number. Explain or show your reasoning for why the last expression means that the person started with a number 6 greater than they ended with.

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