Algebra • Numerical Expressions

Write words to match the expression.

$$6 \times (12 - 4)$$

Think: Many word problems involve finding the cost of a store purchase.

Step 1 Examine the expression.

What operations are in the expression? multiplication and subtraction

Step 2 Describe what each part of the expression can represent when finding the cost of a store purchase.

What can multiplying by 6 represent? buying 6 of the same item

Step 3 Write the words.

- Joe buys 6 DVDs. Each DVD costs \$12. If Joe receives a \$4 discount on each DVD, what is the total amount of money Joe spends?
- 1. What is multiplied and what is subtracted?
- 2. What part of the expression is the price of the item?
- 3. What can subtracting 4 from 12 represent?

Write words to match the expression.

4.
$$4 \times (10 - 2)$$

5.
$$3 \times (6 - 1)$$

Algebra • Evaluate Numerical Expressions

A numerical expression is a mathematical phrase that includes only numbers and operation symbols.

You evaluate the expression when you perform all the computations to find its value.

To evaluate an expression, use the order of operations.

Evaluate the expression $(10 + 6 \times 6) - 4 \times 10$.

Step 1 Start with computations inside the parentheses.

Step 2 Perform the order of operations inside the parentheses.

Step 3 Rewrite the expression with the parentheses evaluated.

Step 4 Multiply and divide from left to right.

Step 5 Add and subtract from left to right.

So,
$$(10 + 6 \times 6) - 4 \times 10 = 6$$
.

Order of Operations

- 1. Parentheses
- 2. Multiply and Divide
- 3. Add and Subtract

 $10 + 6 \times 6$

Multiply and divide from left to right.

$$10 + 6 \times 6 = 10 + 36$$

Add and subtract from left to right.

$$46 - 4 \times 10$$

$$46 - 4 \times 10 = 46 - 40$$

$$46 - 40 = 6$$

Evaluate the numerical expression.

1.
$$8 - (7 \times 1)$$

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 2. $5 - 2 + 12 \div 4$ **3.** $8 \times (16 \div 2)$

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4.
$$4 \times (28 - 20 \div 2)$$

5.
$$(30 - 9 \div 3) \div 9$$

4.
$$4 \times (28 - 20 \div 2)$$
 5. $(30 - 9 \div 3) \div 9$ **6.** $(6 \times 6 - 9) - 9 \div 3$

7.
$$11 \div (8 + 9 \div 3)$$

8.
$$13 \times 4 - 65 \div 13$$

9.
$$9 + 4 \times 6 - 65 \div 13$$

Algebra • Grouping Symbols

Parentheses (), brackets [], and braces {}, are different grouping symbols used in expressions. To evaluate an expression with different grouping symbols, perform the operation in the innermost set of grouping symbols first. Then evaluate the expression from the inside out.

Evaluate the expression $2 \times [(9 \times 4) - (17 - 6)]$.

Step 1 Perform the operations in the parentheses first.

$$2 \times [(9 \times 4) - (17 - 6)]$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$2 \times [36 - 11]$$

Step 2 Next perform the operations in the brackets.

Step 3 Then multiply.

$$2 \times 25 = \underline{50}$$

So,
$$2 \times [(9 \times 4) - (17 - 6)] = \underline{50}$$

Evaluate the numerical expression.

1.
$$4 \times [(15 - 6) \times (7 - 3)]$$

2.
$$40 - [(8 \times 7) - (5 \times 6)]$$

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$$4 \times [(15-6) \times (7-3)]$$
 2. $40 - [(8 \times 7) - (5 \times 6)]$ **3.** $60 \div [(20-6) + (14-8)]$

4.
$$5 + [(10 - 2) + (4 - 1)]$$

5.
$$3 \times [(9+4) - (2 \times 6)]$$

4.
$$5 + [(10 - 2) + (4 - 1)]$$
 5. $3 \times [(9 + 4) - (2 \times 6)]$ **6.** $32 \div [(7 \times 2) - (2 \times 5)]$