## Associative Law of Multiplication

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1. Solve and match up these calculations:
$(6 \times 3) \times 2=$

| $4 \times(8 \times 10)=$ |
| :--- |
| $(3 \times 2) \times 3=$ |
| $(3 \times 2) \times 6=$ |
| $6 \times(4 \times 5)=$ |
| $(7 \times 5) \times 4=$ |

We can use the associative law to help us solve multiplication problems involving larger numbers.
For example: $15 \times 8$ can become $(3 \times 5) \times 8$
We can then regroup the numbers in the multiplication into the simplest calculation to solve:

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\begin{aligned}
& (5 \times 8) \times 3= \\
& 40 \times 3=120
\end{aligned}
$$

2. Use the associative law to solve these calculations.

| a) $16 \times 8=$ |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $2 \times 8) \times 8$ <br> $(2 \times 8) \times 2$ <br> $64 \times 2=128$ | b) $18 \times 4=$ | c) $20 \times 3$ |
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(6 \times 7) \times 8 \quad \text { is the same as } \quad 6 \times(7 \times 8) \quad \text { is the same as } \quad(6 \times 8) \times 7
$$

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$4 \times(8 \times 10)=$
$(3 \times 2) \times 7=$

$$
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$(9 \times 12) \times 11 \quad$ is the same as $\quad 9 \times(12 \times 11) \quad$ is the same as $(9 \times 11) \times 12$

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$(7 \times 11) \times 3=$
$(4 \times 12) \times 10=$
$(3 \times 9) \times 2=$
$(6 \times 11) \times 3=$

$$
4 \times(12 \times 10)=
$$

$$
(3 \times 2) \times 9=
$$

$$
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$$

$6 \times(11 \times 3)=$
$(7 \times 3) \times 11=$

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\begin{aligned}
& (5 \times 9) \times 3= \\
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| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { d) } 21 \times 8 \\ &(3 \times 7) \times 8 \\ &(8 \times 7) \times 3 \\ & 56 \times 3=168 \end{aligned}$ | $\text { e) } \begin{aligned} & 24 \times 4 \\ &(3 \times 8) \times 4 \\ &(8 \times 4) \times 3 \\ & \mathbf{3 2} \times \mathbf{3}=\mathbf{9 6} \end{aligned}$ | $\text { f) } \begin{aligned} & 27 \times 3 \\ & (3 \times 9) \times \mathbf{3} \\ & (\mathbf{3} \times \mathbf{3}) \times \mathbf{9} \\ & \mathbf{9} \times \mathbf{9}=81 \end{aligned}$ |
| $\text { g) } \begin{aligned} & 28 \times 3= \\ & (7 \times 4) \times 3 \\ & (4 \times 3) \times 7 \\ & 12 \times 7=84 \end{aligned}$ | $\text { h) } \begin{aligned} & 15 \times 4= \\ & (3 \times 5) \times 4 \\ & (5 \times 4) \times 3 \\ & \mathbf{2 0} \times \mathbf{3}=\mathbf{6 0} \end{aligned}$ | $\text { i) } \begin{aligned} & 12 \times 8= \\ & (\mathbf{2} \times \mathbf{6}) \times 8 \\ & (\mathbf{6} \times \mathbf{8}) \times \mathbf{2} \\ & \mathbf{4 8} \times \mathbf{2}=\mathbf{9 6} \end{aligned}$ |

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| $\begin{aligned} & \text { d) } 21 \times 7 \\ & (3 \times 7) \times 7 \\ & (7 \times 7) \times 3 \\ & 49 \times 3=147 \end{aligned}$ | $\text { e) } \begin{aligned} & 24 \times 6 \\ & (3 \times 8) \times 6 \\ & (6 \times 8) \times 3 \\ & 48 \times \mathbf{3}=\mathbf{1 4 4} \end{aligned}$ | $\text { f) } \begin{aligned} & 27 \times 8 \\ & \left.\begin{array}{l} (3 \times 9) \times 8 \\ (9 \times 8) \end{array}\right) \times 3 \\ & \mathbf{7 2} \times \mathbf{3}=\mathbf{2 1 6} \end{aligned}$ |
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| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| d) $21 \times 9$ $\begin{aligned} & (3 \times 7) \times 9 \\ & (9 \times 7) \times 3 \\ & 63 \times 3=189 \end{aligned}$ | e) $24 \times 9$ $\begin{aligned} & (3 \times 8) \times 9 \\ & (9 \times 8) \times 3 \\ & 72 \times 3=216 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { f) } 27 \times 9 \\ & \begin{array}{l} (3 \times 9) \times 9 \\ (9 \times 9) \times 3 \\ 81 \times 3=243 \end{array} \end{aligned}$ |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { g) } 28 \times 9= \\ & (4 \times 7) \times 9 \\ & (9 \times 7) \times 4 \\ & 63 \times 4=252 \end{aligned}$ | $\text { h) } \begin{aligned} & 32 \times 9= \\ &(\mathbf{4} \times 8) \times \mathbf{9} \\ &(\mathbf{9} \times 8) \times \mathbf{4} \\ & \mathbf{7 2} \times \mathbf{4}=\mathbf{2 8 8} \end{aligned}$ | $\text { i) } \begin{aligned} & 35 \times 9= \\ & (5 \times 7) \times 9 \\ & (9 \times 7) \times 5 \\ & 63 \times 5=315 \end{aligned}$ |

