

**Algebra: Simplifying Algebraic Expressions, Expanding Brackets,
Solving Linear Equations, Applications. KS3, KS4. Non-Calculator.**

A. Simplify the following expressions:

1. $5a + 3a$
2. $6a - 4a$
3. $4a + a$
4. $x + x + x + x$
5. $a - a$
6. $3a + 2a - 5a$
7. $3a + 5c - a + 2c$
8. $3x + 2x + 3y - y$
9. $3x - x + 3 - 2$
10. $3x + y - x + 4y$
11. $3x + 2y - 3x + 4y$
12. $2x + 5y - 3y + x$
13. $p + q - p - q$
14. $p + q + p + q + p$
15. $4p - 5p$
16. $5c + 2d - 3c - 4d$
17. $5x - 3y + 2x - 4y$
18. $5p - 3q + 2 - 4p + 5 + 4q$
19. $2ac + 3ac - 4ac$
20. $xy + yx$
21. $2xy - 4ac + 5yx + 4ac$
22. $3xy + 4xy - xy$
23. $3cd - 4cd + cd$
24. $xy + yx - 2xy + 1$
25. $2ab + 3cd - 4ab - 3cd$
26. $4y^2 - 3y^2$
27. $4x^3 - x^3$
28. $3x^2 + y^3 - x^2 - y^3$
29. $4y^2 + 5y - 3y^2 - 4y$
30. $2x^2 + 3x - 5x^2 - x + 8$
31. $x^2 + x^2 + x^2$
32. $x^2 + x^2 + 3x^2$
33. $x^2 + x^2 - x^2$
34. $x^2y + xy + x^2y$
35. $x^2y + xy^2 - x^2y + 2y^2x$

B. Expand the brackets and simplify where possible.

1. $4(x - 3)$
2. $4(2x - 3)$
3. $2(3 - 4y)$
4. $x(x + 1)$
5. $x(x - 2)$
6. $x(x^2 + 4x - 3)$
7. $y(x - y^2)$
8. $4(p + 2) + 3(2p - 3)$
9. $2(3p + 2) + 3(2p - 3)$
10. $3(2p - 5) + 2(3p - 3)$
11. $2p(p + 2) + 3p(2p - 3)$
12. $3p(p - 2) + 2p(3p - 2)$
13. $2p(p - 3) + 3p(3p - 2)$
14. $x(x^2 - 2y) + 3x^2(x + 2y)$
15. $-(x - 3)$
16. $-4(2x - 3)$
17. $-2(3 - 4y)$
18. $-x(x + 1)$
19. $-x(x - 2)$
20. $-x(x^2 + 4x - 3)$
21. $-y(x - y^2)$
22. $7(p + 2) - 3(2p - 3)$
23. $2(3p + 2) - 3(2p - 3)$
24. $3(2p - 5) - 2(3p - 3)$
25. $2p(p + 2) - 3p(2p - 3)$
26. $3p(p - 2) - 2p(3p - 2)$
27. $2p(p - 3) - 3p(3p - 2)$
28. $3(x - 2y) - 2(x - 3y)$
29. $2(3x + 1) - 5(2x - 3)$
30. $x(x^2 - 2y) - 3x^2(x + 2y)$
31. $2(3x + 1) - (2x - 3)$
32. $2(p - 4) + 3(2p - 1)$
33. $a(a + 2b - 3c) + 3c(a - 2b + 3c) - 2b(a - b - 3c)$
34. $a(b - c + d) - a(b - c + d)$
35. $3a(2b - 3c + 4d) - 2a(3b - c + 6d)$
36. $5 - 2(x - 3)$
37. $6 + 4(3 - x)$
38. $6 + (2x + 6)$
39. $6 - (2x + 6)$
40. $2x^2(4xy - 5) - 8yx^3 + 9x^2$

C. Solve the following equations:

1. $x + 3 = 9$

2. $2x = 6$

3. $4 - x = 5$

4. $2x + 3 = 13$

5. $2x = 1$

6. $3x = 2$

7. $4x = 20$

8. $4x - 1 = 19$

9. $4x = -20$

10. $2x = -6$

11. $4x = -8$

12. $4x = -1$

13. $2x + 3 = -5$

14. $2x - 3 = 5$

15. $2x - 3 = x + 2$

16. $7x - 3 = 2x + 12$

17. $7y - 8 = 5y + 2$

18. $4x + 5 = 2x - 11$

19. $5x - 6 = 2x - 15$

20. $x + 2x = -15$

21. $3x - 5 = 4x - 7$

22. $2x + 7 = 5x - 3$

23. $2x + 7 = 12 - 3x$

24. $6y - 2 = 8y - 5$

25. $8 - 4x = 10 - 2x$

26. $12 = 3x - 6$

27. $3(x - 5) = 12$

28. $5(2x - 3) = 15$

29. $5(3 - 2x) = 30$

30. $3(2x - 4) = 8$

31. $7x + 2 = 5(x - 2)$

32. $22 - 3x = 2(x + 6)$

33. $13 - 3x = 4(x - 2)$

34. $x - 18 = 2(2x - 3)$

35. $4(2x - 3) = 3x - 27$

36. $3(2x - 5) = 6 + 2(x - 3)$

37. $4 - (3x - 5) = 6 - (2x + 7)$

38. $x(x + 5) = x^2 - 15$

39. $3x(2 + x) = x(3x - 2) - 24$

40. $3(x - 4) - 2(x - 5) = 6x - 2(x - 5)$

APPLICATIONS:

1. The width of a rectangle is x centimeters and its length is $(x + 5)$ cm.

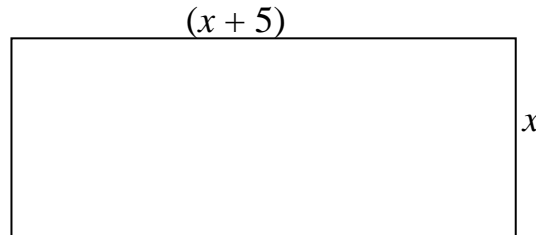


Diagram not drawn to scale

- (a) Write down an expression for the perimeter of the rectangle, giving your answer in its simplest form.

The perimeter of the rectangle is 62 cm.

- (b) Work out the length of the rectangle.

2. The diagram below is a rectangle. All measurements are in centimeters.

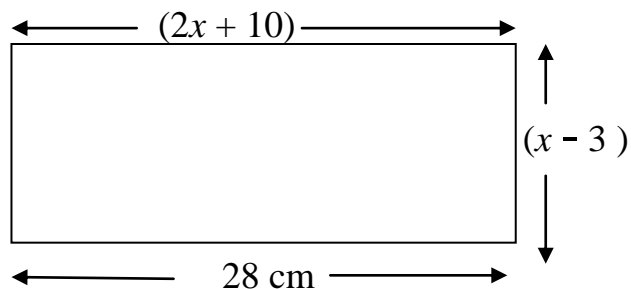


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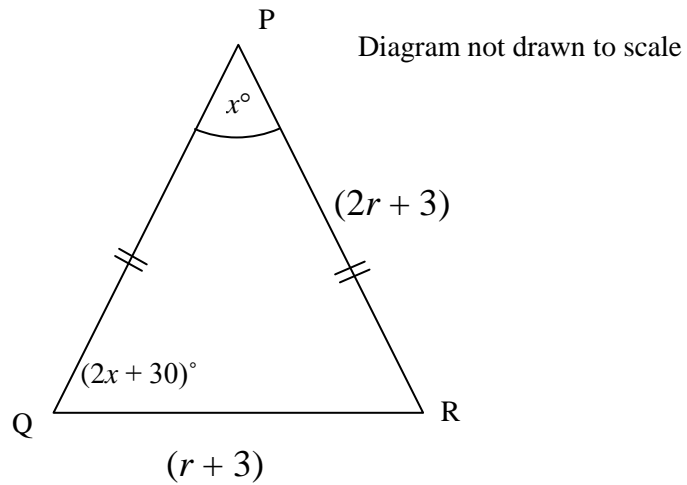
- (a) Work out the value of x .
(b) Hence, work out the perimeter and area of the rectangle.

3. PQR is an isosceles triangle with $PQ = PR$, and angle $QPR = x^\circ$.

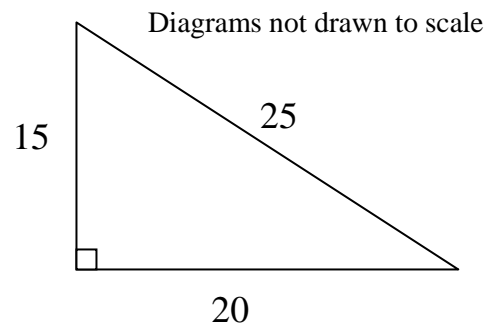
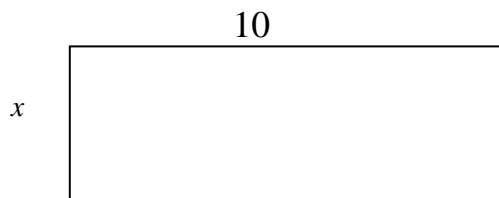
$$\text{Angle } PQR = (2x + 30)^\circ$$

$$PR = (2r + 3) \text{ cm}$$

$$QR = (r + 3) \text{ cm}$$



- (a) Find an expression for the perimeter of the triangle in terms of r , giving your answer in its simplest form.
- (b) Work out the value of r , if the perimeter is 49 cm.
- (c) Work out the value of x .
4. The area of the right-angled triangle is equal to the area of the rectangle. Work out the value of x . All measurements are in centimeters.



ANSWERS/SOLUTIONS

A. ① $8a$

② $2a$

③ $5a$

④ $4x$

⑤ 0

⑥ 0

⑦ $2a+7c$

⑧ $5x+2y$

⑨ $2x+1$

⑩ $2x+5y$

⑪ $6y$

⑫ $3x+2y$

⑬ 0

⑭ $3p+2q$

⑮ $-p$

⑯ $2c-2d$

⑰ $7x-7y$

⑱ $p+q+7$

⑲ ac

⑳ $2xy$

㉑ $7xy$

㉒ $6xy$

㉓ 0

㉔ 1

㉕ $-2ab$

㉖ y^2

㉗ $3x^3$

㉘ $2x^2$

㉙ y^2+y

㉚ $-3x^2+2x+8$

㉛ $3x^2$

㉜ $5x^2$

㉝ x^2

㉞ $2x^2y+xy$

㉟ $3xy^2$

B.

① $4x-12$ ② $8x-12$ ③ $6-8y$ ④ x^2+x

⑤ x^2-2x ⑥ x^3+4x^2-3x ⑦ $xy-y^3$

⑧ $4p+8+6p-9$
 $= \underline{\underline{10p-1}}$ ⑨ $6p+4+6p-9$
 $= \underline{\underline{12p-5}}$

⑩ $6p-15+6p-6$
 $= \underline{\underline{12p-21}}$ ⑪ $2p^2+4p+6p^2-9p$
 $= \underline{\underline{8p^2-5p}}$

⑫ $3p^2-6p+6p^2-4p$
 $= \underline{\underline{9p^2-10p}}$ ⑬ $2p^2-6p+9p^2-6p$
 $= \underline{\underline{11p^2-12p}}$

⑭ $x^3-2xy+3x^3+6x^2y$
 $= \underline{\underline{4x^3-2xy+6x^2y}}$ ⑮ $-x+3x$

⑯ $-8x+12$ ⑰ $-6+8y$ ⑱ $-x^2-x$

⑲ $-x^2+2x$ ⑳ $-x^3-4x^2+3x$

㉑ $-xy+y^3$ ㉒ $7p+14-6p+9$
 $= \underline{\underline{p+23}}$

㉓ $6p+4-6p+9$
 $= \underline{\underline{13}}$ ㉔ $6p-15-6p+6$
 $= \underline{\underline{-9}}$

㉕ $2p^2+4p-6p^2+9p$
 $= \underline{\underline{-4p^2+13p}}$ ㉖ $3p^2-6p-6p^2+4p$
 $= \underline{\underline{-3p^2-2p}}$

㉗ $2p^2-6p-9p^2+6p$
 $= \underline{\underline{-7p^2}}$ ㉘ $3x-6y-2x+6y$
 $= \underline{\underline{xc}}$

$$\begin{aligned} (29) \quad & 6x + 2 - 10x + 15 \\ & = \underline{\underline{-4x + 17}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (30) \quad & x^3 - 2xy - 3x^3 - 6x^2y \\ & = \underline{\underline{-2x^3 - 2xy - 6x^2y}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (31) \quad & 6x + 2 - 2x + 3 \\ & = \underline{\underline{4x + 5}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (32) \quad & 2p - 8 + 6p - 3 \\ & = \underline{\underline{8p - 11}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (33) \quad & a^2 + \cancel{2ab} - \cancel{3ac} + \cancel{3ca} - \cancel{6cb} + 9c^2 - \cancel{2ba} + \cancel{2b^2} + \cancel{6bc} \\ & = \underline{\underline{a^2 + 9c^2 + 2b^2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (34) \quad & \cancel{ab} - \cancel{ac} + \cancel{ad} - \cancel{ab} + \cancel{ac} - \cancel{ad} \text{ or } \begin{matrix} \text{let } b - c + d = x \\ ax - ax = 0 \end{matrix} \\ & = \underline{\underline{0}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (35) \quad & \cancel{6ab} - 9ac + \cancel{12ad} - \cancel{6ab} + 2ac - \cancel{12ad} \\ & = \underline{\underline{-7ac}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (36) \quad & 5 - 2x + 6 \\ & = \underline{\underline{11 - 2x}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (37) \quad & 6 + 12 - 4x \\ & = \underline{\underline{18 - 4x}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (38) \quad & 6 + 2x + 6 \\ & = \underline{\underline{12 + 2x}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (39) \quad & 6 - 2x - 6 \\ & = \underline{\underline{-2x}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (40) \quad & \cancel{8x^3y} - 10x^2 - \cancel{8yx^3} + 9x^2 \\ & = \underline{\underline{-x^2}} \end{aligned}$$

C.

$$\textcircled{1} \quad x = 9 - 3 = \underline{\underline{6}}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad x = \frac{6}{2} = \underline{\underline{3}}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad 4 - 5 = x \\ \underline{\underline{-1 = x}}$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad 2x = 13 - 3 \\ 2x = 10 \\ \underline{\underline{x = 5}}$$

$$\textcircled{5} \quad x = \underline{\underline{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

$$\textcircled{6} \quad x = \underline{\underline{\frac{2}{3}}}$$

$$\textcircled{7} \quad \underline{\underline{x = 5}}$$

$$\textcircled{8} \quad 4x = 20 \\ \underline{\underline{x = 5}}$$

$$\textcircled{9} \quad \underline{\underline{x = -5}}$$

$$\textcircled{10} \quad \underline{\underline{x = -3}}$$

$$\textcircled{11} \quad \underline{\underline{x = -2}}$$

$$\textcircled{12} \quad x = \underline{\underline{-\frac{1}{4}}}$$

$$\textcircled{13} \quad 2x = -8 \\ \underline{\underline{x = -4}}$$

$$\textcircled{14} \quad 2x = 8 \\ \underline{\underline{x = 4}}$$

$$\textcircled{15} \quad 2x - x = 2 + 3 \\ \underline{\underline{x = 5}}$$

$$\textcircled{16} \quad 7x - 2x = 12 + 3 \\ 5x = 15 \\ \underline{\underline{x = 3}}$$

$$\textcircled{17} \quad 7y - 5y = 2 + 8 \\ 2y = 10 \\ \underline{\underline{y = 5}}$$

$$\textcircled{18} \quad 4x - 2x = -11 - 5 \\ 2x = -16 \\ \underline{\underline{x = -8}}$$

$$\textcircled{19} \quad 5x - 2x = -15 + 6 \\ 3x = -9 \\ \underline{\underline{x = -3}}$$

$$\textcircled{20} \quad 3x = -15 \\ \underline{\underline{x = -5}}$$

$$\textcircled{21} \quad -5 + 7 = 4x - 3x \\ \underline{\underline{2 = x}}$$

$$\textcircled{22} \quad 7 + 3 = 5x - 2x \\ 10 = 3x \\ \underline{\underline{3\frac{1}{3}}} = \underline{\underline{\frac{10}{3}}} = x \quad \text{both acceptable}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (23) \quad 2x + 3x &= 12 - 7 \\ 5x &= 5 \\ \underline{x &= 1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (24) \quad -2 + 5 &= 8y - 6y \\ 3 &= 2y \\ 1.5 &= \frac{3}{2} = y \\ \underline{\underline{1.5 = \frac{3}{2} = y}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (25) \quad 8 - 10 &= -2x + 4x \\ -2 &= 2x \\ \underline{-1 = x} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (26) \quad 12 + 6 &= 3x \\ 18 &= 3x \\ \underline{6 = x} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (27) \quad 3x - 15 &= 12 \quad \text{OR} \quad (x - 5) = \frac{12}{3} = 4 \\ 3x &= 27 & x &= 4 + 5 = 9 \\ \underline{x &= 9} & \underline{\underline{x &= 9}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (28) \quad 10x - 15 &= 15 \quad \text{OR} \quad 2x - 3 = \frac{15}{5} = 3 \\ 10x &= 30 & 2x &= 6 \\ \underline{x &= 3} & \underline{x &= 3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (29) \quad 15 - 10x &= 30 \quad \text{OR} \quad 3 - 2x = \frac{30}{5} = 6 \\ 15 - 30 &= 10x & 3 - 6 &= 2x \\ -15 &= 10x & -3 &= 2x \\ -1.5 &= -\frac{15}{10} = x & -\frac{3}{2} &= x \\ \underline{\underline{-1.5 = -\frac{15}{10} = x}} & \underline{\underline{-\frac{3}{2} = x}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (30) \quad 6x - 12 &= 8 \\ 6x &= 20 \\ x &= \frac{20}{6} = \frac{10}{3} = 3\frac{1}{3} \\ \underline{\underline{x &= \frac{10}{3} = 3\frac{1}{3}}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (31) \quad 7x + 2 &= 5x - 10 \\ 7x - 5x &= -10 - 2 \\ 2x &= -12 \\ \underline{x &= -6} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (32) \quad 22 - 3x &= 2x + 12 \\ 22 - 12 &= 2x + 3x \\ 10 &= 5x \\ \underline{2 = x} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (33) \quad 13 - 3x &= 4x - 8 \\ 13 + 8 &= 4x + 3x \\ 21 &= 7x \\ \underline{3 = x} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (34) \quad x - 18 &= 2(2x - 3) \\ x - 18 &= 4x - 6 \\ -18 + 6 &= 4x - x \\ -12 &= 3x \\ \underline{-4 = x} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (35) \quad 8x - 12 &= 3x - 27 \\ 8x - 3x &= -27 + 12 \\ 5x &= -15 \\ \underline{x &= -3} \end{aligned}$$

$$(36) \quad 6x - 15 = 6 + 2x - 6$$

$$6x - 2x = 15$$

$$4x = 15$$

$$x = \frac{15}{4} \text{ OR } 3\frac{3}{4}$$

$$(37) \quad 4 - 3x + 5 = 6 - 2x - 7$$

$$4 + 5 - 6 + 7 = -2x + 3x$$

$$10 = x$$

$$(38) \quad x^2 + 5x = x^2 - 15$$

$$x^2 + 5x - x^2 = -15$$

$$5x = -15$$

$$x = -3$$

$$(39) \quad 6x + 3x^2 = 3x^2 - 2x - 24$$

$$6x + 3x^2 - 3x^2 + 2x = -24$$

$$8x = -24$$

$$x = -3$$

$$(40) \quad 3x - 12 - 2x + 10 = 6x - 2x + 10$$

$$x - 2 = 4x + 10$$

$$-2 - 10 = 4x - x$$

$$-12 = 3x$$

$$-4 = x$$

Applications

$$(1) (a) \quad x + x + 5 + x + x + 5 \quad \text{OR} \quad 2(x + x + 5)$$

$$= 4x + 10$$

$$= 2(2x + 5)$$

$$= 4x + 10$$

$$(b) \quad 4x + 10 = 62$$

$$4x = 52$$

$$x = 13$$

$$\text{OR half the perimeter} = x + x + 5 = 31$$

$$2x = 26$$

$$x = 13$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{2} \text{ (a) } 2x+10 &= 28 \quad \text{opposite sides equal.} \\ 2x &= 18 \\ x &= \underline{\underline{9}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b) Hence the width} &= x-3 = 9-3 = 6 \\ L &= 18, W = 6 \quad P = 2(L+W) \\ \text{Perimeter} &= 2(18+6) = 2(24) = \underline{\underline{48 \text{ cm}}} \\ \text{Area} &= LW = 18 \times 6 = \underline{\underline{108 \text{ cm}^2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 18 \\ \times 6 \\ \hline 108 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{3} \text{ (a) Perimeter} &= 2r+3+2r+3+r+3 \\ &= \underline{\underline{5r+9 \text{ cm}}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b) } 5r+9 &= 49 \\ 5r &= 40 \\ r &= \underline{\underline{8}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{(c) angle } \hat{P}\hat{R}\hat{Q} = 2x+30 \quad \text{isosceles triangle.}$$

$$\text{Sum of all 3 angles} = 180$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2x+30 + 2x+30 + x &= 180 \\ 5x+60 &= 180 \end{aligned}$$

$$5x = 120$$

$$x = \frac{120}{5} = \frac{240}{10} = \underline{\underline{24}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{4} \text{ Area of triangle} &= \frac{1}{2} \times b \times h = \frac{1}{2} \times 20 \times 15 = 150 \\ \text{area of rectangle} &= 10x \end{aligned}$$

$$10x = 150$$

$$x = \frac{150}{10} = \underline{\underline{15}}$$

I hope you find this useful. If you find any errors, please let me know.