

Topic: Distributive Property

Question: Which of these represents the Distributive Property?

Answer choices:

A $3(x + b) = 3x + b$

B $3(x + b) = 3x + 3b$

C $3(x + b) = 3 + x + b$

D $3(x + b) = x + 3b$



Solution: B

The Distributive Property tells us to multiply the factor outside the parentheses (the number 3) by each of the terms inside the parentheses.

$$3(x + b)$$

$$3(x) + 3(b)$$

$$3x + 3b$$



Topic: Distributive Property

Question: Use the Distributive Property to expand the expression.

$$\frac{1}{2}(4x + 4)$$

Answer choices:

A $2x + 2$

B $4x + 4$

C $2x$

D $2 + x$



Solution: A

The Distributive Property tells us to multiply the factor outside the parentheses (the number $\frac{1}{2}$) by each of the terms inside the parentheses.

$$\frac{1}{2}(4x + 4)$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(4x) + \frac{1}{2}(4)$$

$$\frac{4x}{2} + \frac{4}{2}$$

$$2x + 2$$



Topic: Distributive Property

Question: Use the Distributive Property to expand the expression.

$$2x(3 + x^2)$$

Answer choices:

A 8

B $8x$

C $6x + 2x$

D $6x + 2x^3$



Solution: D

The Distributive Property tells us to multiply the value outside the parentheses, $2x$, by each of the terms inside the parentheses.

$$2x(3 + x^2)$$

$$2x(3) + 2x(x^2)$$

$$6x + 2x^3$$

