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Module 2	Writing and Simplifying Algebraic
	Expressions
Lesson 3	Identifying Algebraic Properties

## **Lesson Objectives**

- Recognize and use the Commutative and Associative Properties of Addition and Multiplication.
- Recognize the identity elements and inverses for addition and multiplication and use their respective properties.
- Recognize and use the Distributive Property of Multiplication over Addition.

The **Commutative** \_\_\_\_ Property of Addition states that when you add two numbers, the order in which you add them does not matter, or for all real numbers a and b, a + b = b + a.

The **Associative** Property of Addition states that when you are

adding, the way that you group the numbers does not change the sum, or for

all real numbers a, b, and c, (a + b) + c = a + (b + c).

The Commutative Property of Multiplication states that order in multiplication

does not matter, or for all real numbers *a* and *b*,  $\underline{ab} = \underline{ba}$ 

The Associative Property of Multiplication states that when you multiply,

the way you regroup the factors does not matter, or for all real numbers

*a*, *b*, and *c*.  $(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b})\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c})$ 

(1) (4.3 + 2) + 8 = 4.3 + (2 + 8) Associative Property of Addition (2)  $6(5 \cdot 3) = 6(3 \cdot 5)$  Commutative Property of Multiplication

Subtraction \_\_\_\_\_ and **Division** are not commutative.

The **Identity** \_\_\_\_\_ Property of Addition says that when you add

zero to a number the sum is that number, or for all real numbers *a*,

© 2003 BestQuest a + 0 = 0 + a = a. Zero is the identity element for addition.

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\_\_\_\_\_ says that when you The Zero Property of Multiplication multiply by zero, the product is zero, or for any real number *a*,  $a\cdot 0=0\cdot a=0.$ One \_\_\_\_\_ is the identity element for multiplication. The Identity Property of Multiplication states that for any real number *a*,  $a \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot a = a$ Another name for reciprocal is **multiplicative inverse**. Examples of multiplicative inverses are  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{4}{4}$ . The Multiplicative Inverse Property \_\_\_\_\_ states that the multiplicative inverse, or reciprocal, of any real number *a*, where  $a \neq 0$ , is  $\frac{1}{a}$ .  $a \cdot \frac{1}{a} = 1$ . When you add opposites, or **additive inverses**, the sum is zero. The additive inverse, or opposite of any real number a is -a such that a + (-a) = (-a) + a = 0.**3** 7 + 0 = 7 **Identity Property of Addition 4** Write an equation that illustrates the Zero Property of Multiplication. Possible answers: (10)(0) = 0, (4.75)(0) = 0,  $(\frac{1}{2})(0) = 0$ .

The **Distributive Property** of Multiplication over Addition tells us that 50(84 + 10) = 50(84) + 50(10), or for all real numbers

a, b, and c,  $\underline{a(b + c)} = ab + ac$ 

**(5)** 12(5+9) = 12(5) + 12(9)

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