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Grouping Doesn't Change



1. Fill in the missing number to make the equation true.

a) $(6 + 3) + \underline{\quad} = 6 + (3 + 4)$ Answer: _____

b) $(10 + \underline{\quad}) + 5 = 10 + (2 + 5)$ Answer: _____

c) $(7 + 4) + 9 = 7 + (\underline{\quad} + 9)$ Answer: _____

2. Compute both sides and compare.

a) $(2 + 9) + 1 = \underline{\quad}$ $2 + (9 + 1) = \underline{\quad}$

What do you notice? _____

b) $(5 + 7) + 8 = \underline{\quad}$ $5 + (7 + 8) = \underline{\quad}$

What do you notice? _____

3. True or False - Addition

a) $(8 + 6) + 2 = 8 + (6 + 2) \rightarrow \underline{\quad}$ b) $(12 + 3) + 4 = 12 + (3 + 4) \rightarrow \underline{\quad}$

c) $(4 + 5) + 3 = 4 + (5 + 3) \rightarrow \underline{\quad}$

4. Find the missing number.

a) $(2 \times 4) \times \underline{\quad} = 2 \times (4 \times 5)$ Answer: _____

b) $(3 \times \underline{\quad}) \times 2 = 3 \times (5 \times 2)$ Answer: _____

c) $(7 \times 2) \times 9 = 7 \times (2 \times \underline{\quad})$ Answer: _____

5. Compute and compare.

a) $(4 \times 3) \times 5 = \underline{\quad}$ $4 \times (3 \times 5) = \underline{\quad}$

What do you notice? _____

b) $(6 \times 2) \times 8 = \underline{\quad}$ $6 \times (2 \times 8) = \underline{\quad}$

What do you notice? _____

6. Choose the correct statement.

Which one correctly shows the associative property?

a) $(3 \times 2) \times 5 = 3 \times (2 \times 5)$

b) $(3 \times 2) \times 5 = (2 \times 3) \times 5$

c) $3 \times (2 + 5) = (3 \times 2) + 5$

Answer: _____