

Order of Operations

If you do not use the proper order of operations, you will not get the correct answer.

Evaluate $2^3 \div 2 + 3 \times 6 - (1 \times 5)$.

Step 1. Do the operations inside the parentheses.

$$(1 \times 5) = 5$$

$$2^3 \div 2 + 3 \times 6 - 5$$

Step 2. Evaluate any terms with exponents.

$$2^3 = 8$$

$$8 \div 2 + 3 \times 6 - 5$$

Step 3. Multiply and divide in order from left to right.

$$8 \div 2 = 4 \text{ and } 3 \times 6 = 18$$

$$4 + 18 - 5$$

Step 4. Add and subtract in order from left to right.

$$4 + 18 = 22$$

$$22 - 5 = 17$$

So, $2^3 \div 2 + 3 \times 6 - (1 \times 5) = 17$

Write which operation should be done first.

1. $6 + 3 \times 2$ _____

2. $13 - 1 + 4 \div 2$ _____

3. $5 \times (7 - 2) + 1$ _____

4. $(19 + 23) - (4 \times 5)$ _____

For questions 5 through 8, evaluate the expression for $x = 6$ and $y = 17$.

5. $4x + 5y$ _____

6. $2x + (20 - y)$ _____

7. $x \div 3 + y$ _____

8. $4y \div 2 + (8x + 10)$ _____

9. Patty made \$34 baby sitting on each of 3 weekends. If she spent \$50 on gifts for her family, how much money does she have left?

10. Carlos solved $20 - (2 \times 6) + 8 \div 4 = 29$. Is this the correct answer?
