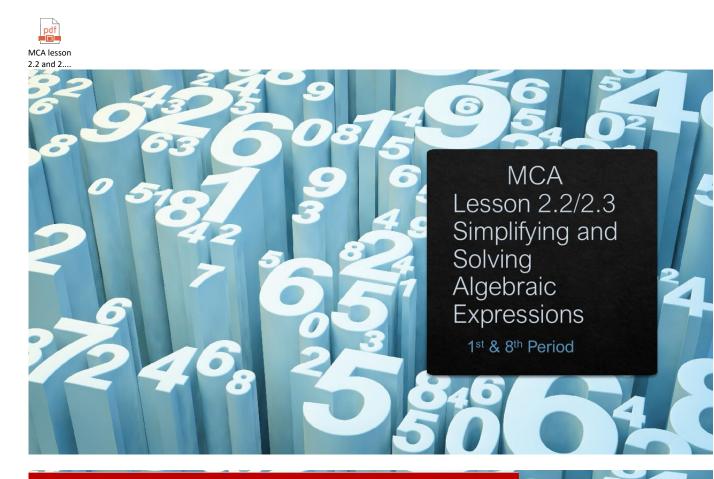
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2.3 Algebra and Problem Solving

What You Will Learn

Simplify an algebraic expression by rewriting the terms.

Use the Distributive Property to remove symbols of grouping.

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Construct verbal mathematical models from written statements.

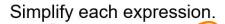
Translate verbal phrases into algebraic expressions.

Identify hidden operations when writing algebraic expressions.

Use problem-solving strategies to solve application

expressions.

Use problem-solving strategies to solve application problems.





b.
$$7(-1x)$$

c.
$$\frac{5x}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{5}$$

d.
$$x^2(-2x^3)$$

e.
$$(-2x)(4x)$$

f.
$$(2rs)(r^2s)$$

$$(4)^{-7}$$

$$(2)$$
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$$d) - 2x^{5}$$



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Simplify each expression.

a.
$$-(3y + 5)$$

b.
$$5x + (x - 7)2$$

c.
$$(-2)4x(-1) + 3x$$

$$a) - 3y - 5$$

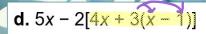
$$-2(4x+-1)+3x$$



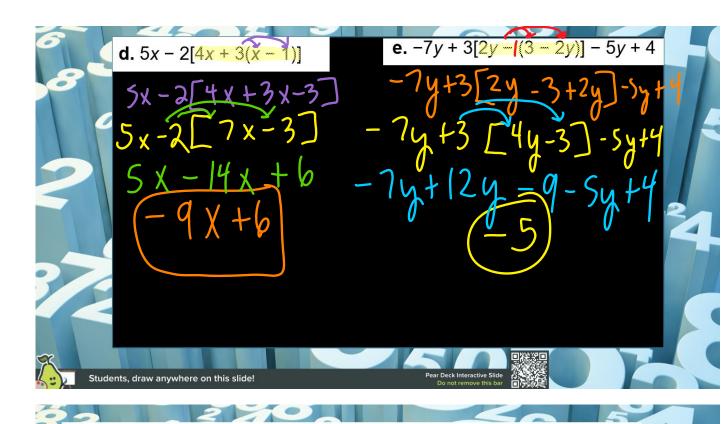
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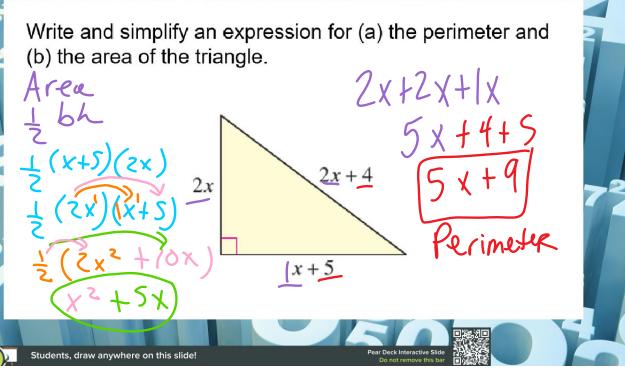
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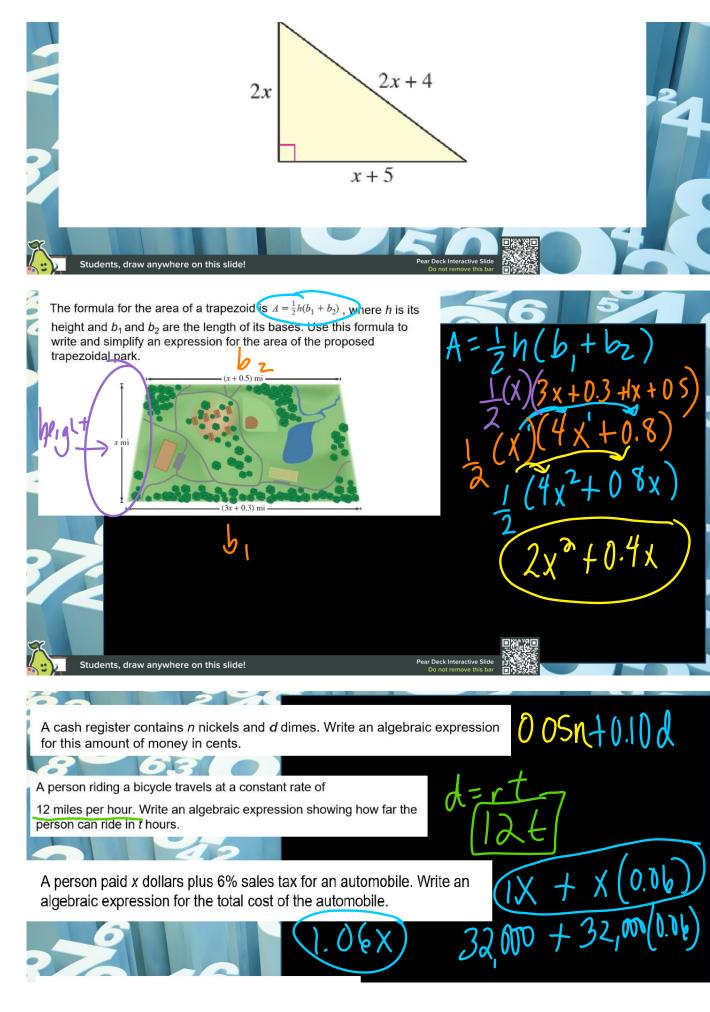


e.
$$-7y + 3[2y - (3 - 2y)] - 5y + 4$$





Write and simplify an expression for (a) the perimeter and (b) the area of the triangle.



A truck travels 100 miles at an average speed of *r* miles per hour. Write an expression that represents the total travel time.





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Summary of Additional Problem-Solving Strategies

- **1. Guess, Check, and Revise** Guess a reasonable solution based on the given data. Check the guess, and revise it, if necessary. Continue guessing, checking, and revising until a correct solution is found.
- 2. Make a Table/Look for a Pattern Make a table using the data in the problem. Look for a number pattern. Then use the pattern to complete the table or find a solution.
- **3. Draw a Diagram** Draw a diagram that shows the facts of the problem. Use the diagram to visualize the action of the problem. Use algebra to find a solution. Then check the solution against the facts.
- **4. Solve a Simpler Problem** Construct a simpler problem that is similar to the original problem. Solve the simpler problem. Then use the same procedure to solve the original problem.



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You deposit \$500 in an account that earns 6% interest compounded annually. The balance A in the account after t years is A = 500(1 + 0.06). How long will it take for your investment to double?

$$500(1.06)^{5} = (0.70) \quad 500(1.06)^{6}$$

$$500(1.06)^{8} = 797$$

$$500(1.06)^{10} = 895$$

You can solve this problem using a guess, check, and revise strategy.

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