

# Using the addition law for indices

- 1 a) Fill in the gaps in the calculation.

$$2^4 \times 2^3 = 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times \boxed{2} \times \boxed{2} \times \boxed{2} = 2^{\boxed{7}}$$

- b) What happens to the base value when  $2^4$  and  $2^3$  are multiplied?

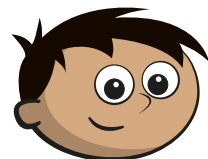
It stays the same.

- c) What happens to the indices when  $2^4$  and  $2^3$  are multiplied?

You add them together.

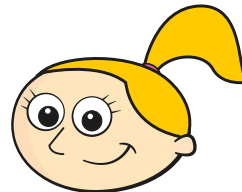
- 2 Amir and Eva are both trying a problem.

Simplify  $3^{10} \times 3^{20}$



It is going to take a long time to answer this question because I have to write out the whole multiplication.

I can do it without writing out the multiplication.



What has Eva noticed?

- 3 Complete the statements.

a)  $3^4 \times 3^5 = 3^{\boxed{9}}$

d)  $a^4 \times a^3 \equiv a^{\boxed{7}}$

b)  $4^2 \times 4^6 = \boxed{4^8}$

e)  $y^{11} \times y^6 \equiv y^{\boxed{17}}$

c)  $7^8 \times 7^{10} = \boxed{7^{18}}$

f)  $p^4 \times p^7 \equiv p^{\boxed{11}}$

- 4 The addition rule for indices can be described using algebra.  
Complete the statement.

The addition rule for indices is  $x^a \times x^b \equiv x^{a+b}$

Describe the rule in your own words.

When multiplying, if the base is the same you can add the powers.

- 5 Simplify the expressions.

a)  $x^3 \times x^4 \times x^5 \equiv x^{\boxed{12}}$

c)  $h^3 \times h^8 \times h^{10} \equiv h^{\boxed{21}}$

b)  $v^7 \times v^7 \times v^7 \equiv v^{\boxed{21}}$

d)  $w^{50} \times w^{100} \times w^{250} \equiv w^{\boxed{400}}$

- 6 Identify and explain the mistake that has been made in each statement.

a)  $3^2 \times 3^4 = 3^8$

Indices have been multiplied.

It should be  $3^2 \times 3^4 = 3^6$

b)  $5^2 \times 5^3 = 25^5$

Bases have been multiplied.

It should be  $5^2 \times 5^3 = 5^5$

c)  $10^4 + 10^5 = 10^9$

They are being added not multiplied.

$10^4 + 10^5$  can't be simplified.

d)  $5^3 \times 2^6 = 7^9$

Bases have been added. The bases aren't the same

so  $5^3 \times 2^6$  can't be simplified.

7

Simplify the expressions.

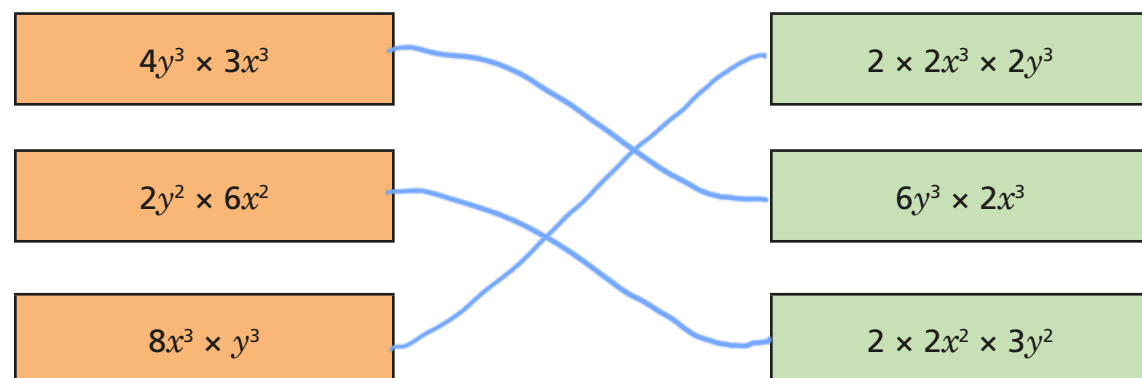
a)  $a^3 \times b^2 \times a^4 \times b^5 \equiv a^{\boxed{7}} \times b^{\boxed{7}} \equiv \underline{a^7 b^7}$

b)  $m^4 n^3 \times m^2 n^3 \equiv \underline{m^6 n^6}$

c)  $p^2 q^2 \times p^3 r^3 \times q^4 r^4 \equiv \underline{p^5 q^6 r^7}$

8

Match the equivalent expressions.



9

Fill in the missing powers and coefficients.

a)  $2k^3 \times 4k^{\boxed{3}} \equiv \boxed{8} k^6$

b)  $2m^2 \times 3m^{\boxed{10}} \times \boxed{5} m^4 \equiv 30m^{16}$

c)  $3d^{\boxed{3}} \times \boxed{2} D^2 \times 2d^4 \times 3D^{\boxed{3}} \equiv 36d^7 D^5$

10

Find the value of  $x$ .

a)  $2^7 \times 2^x = 2^{12}$

c)  $d^x \times d^{x+1} = d^{11}$

$x = \boxed{5}$

$x = \boxed{5}$

b)  $3^x \times 3^x \times 3^4 = 3^{20}$

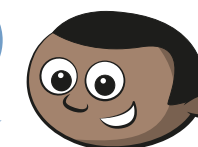
d)  $5^{2x} \times 5^x \times 5^2 = 5^{23}$

$x = \boxed{8}$

$x = \boxed{7}$

11

$3^4 \times 3 \equiv 3^4$ ,  
because there is no  
power on the 3



a) Write out the full multiplication to show why Mo is incorrect.

$\underline{3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \equiv 3^5}$

b) Simplify the expressions.

$4^6 \times 4$

$5 \times 5^7$

$a^3 \times a^2 \times a$

$3b^4 \times 4b$

$\boxed{4^7}$

$\boxed{5^8}$

$\underline{a^6}$

$\underline{12b^5}$

