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Part 1: Building a Foundation

What is a coefficient in an algebraic term?

Hint: Think about the part of the term that is a number.

- A) The variable part of a term
- B) The numerical part of a term
- C) The exponent of a term
- D) The entire term

Identify the like terms in the expression $3x + 4y + 5x$.

Hint: Look for terms that have the same variable part.

- A) $3x$ and $4y$
- B) $3x$ and $5x$
- C) $4y$ and $5x$
- D) All terms are like terms

Explain why $2x^2$ and $3x$ are not like terms.

Hint: Consider the variables and their exponents.

List the components of the term $7xy^2$.

Hint: Think about the parts that make up the term.

1. Answer 1

2. Answer 2

3. Answer 3

Part 2: Understanding and Interpretation

Which of the following expressions is correctly simplified by combining like terms?

Hint: Look for expressions that combine terms with the same variable.

- A) $2a + 3b = 5ab$
- B) $4m + 5m = 9m$
- C) $x^2 + x = 2x^2$
- D) $6y - 2y^2 = 4y^2$

Describe the process of combining like terms in the expression $6x + 3x - 2x$.

Hint: Think about how you would group and add the terms.

Select all expressions that are simplified correctly.

Hint: Look for expressions that combine like terms accurately.

- A) $5x + 2x = 7x$
- B) $3a^2 + 4a^2 = 7a^2$
- C) $2y + 3z = 5yz$

D) $x^2 + 2x^2 = 3x^2$

Part 3: Application and Analysis

Simplify the expression $4x + 7 - 2x + 3$.

Hint: Combine like terms and simplify the expression.

Given the expression $5a + 3b - 2a + 4b$, combine like terms to simplify it.

Hint: Group the terms with the same variable together.

1. Simplified expression for a terms

2. Simplified expression for b terms

If $x = 2$, evaluate the expression after combining like terms: $3x + 4x - x$.

Hint: First, combine the like terms, then substitute x with 2.

- A) 12
- B) 14
- C) 16
- D) 18

Analyze the expression $2x^2 + 3x - x^2 + 4$ and explain the steps to simplify it.

Hint: Identify like terms and combine them.

Part 4: Evaluation and Creation

Evaluate the correctness of the simplification $8a + 4b - 3a + 2b = 5a + 6b$. Provide reasoning for your answer.

Hint: Check if the terms were combined correctly.

Create an expression involving at least three different variables and simplify it by combining like terms.

Hint: Make sure to include terms with the same variable.

Propose a real-world scenario where combining like terms would be necessary, and describe how you would simplify the expression involved.

Hint: Think about situations involving quantities that can be combined.

