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Part 1: Building a Foundation

Which property states that $a + b = b + a$?

Hint: Think about the order in which you can add numbers.

- A) Associative Property
- B) Distributive Property
- C) Commutative Property
- D) Identity Property

Which of the following are examples of the Identity Property? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Consider what happens when you add or multiply by 0 or 1.

- A) $a + 0 = a$
- B) $a * 1 = a$
- C) $a * 0 = 0$
- D) $a + (-a) = 0$

Explain in your own words what it means for two expressions to be equivalent.

Hint: Think about how two expressions can represent the same value.

List the properties of operations used in algebra.

Hint: Consider the main properties that govern addition and multiplication.

1. What is the Commutative Property?

2. What is the Associative Property?

3. What is the Distributive Property?

4. What is the Identity Property?

Part 2: Understanding and Application

Which property is used in the expression $3(x + 4) = 3x + 12$?

Hint: Think about how you can distribute a number across a sum.

- A) Associative Property
- B) Distributive Property
- C) Commutative Property
- D) Inverse Property

Identify the properties used in the expression $(a + b) + c = a + (b + c)$. (Select all that apply)

Hint: Consider how grouping affects addition.

- A) Associative Property
- B) Distributive Property
- C) Commutative Property
- D) Identity Property

Apply the Distributive Property to simplify the expression $6(a + 2b)$ and explain each step.

Hint: Break down the expression step by step.

If you have the expression $2(x + 5)$ and you want to simplify it, which property would you use?

Hint: Think about how to distribute the 2 across the sum.

- A) Associative Property
- B) Distributive Property
- C) Commutative Property
- D) Identity Property

Part 3: Analysis, Evaluation, and Creation

Which expression is equivalent to $3(x + 4) - 2x$ using the Distributive Property?

Hint: Consider how to apply the Distributive Property first.

- A) $3x + 12 - 2x$
- B) $3x + 4 - 2x$
- C) $x + 12$
- D) $3x + 12$

Analyze the expression $5(x + 3) - 2(x + 3)$. Which properties are used to simplify it? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Think about how you can factor out common terms.

- A) Associative Property
- B) Distributive Property
- C) Commutative Property
- D) Identity Property

Evaluate the expressions below and select those that are equivalent to $3(x + 2) + 2x$. Explain your reasoning.

Hint: Consider how to simplify each expression step by step.

Create your own expression using at least two different properties of operations. Explain the properties used and how they help in simplifying the expression.

Hint: Think creatively about how to combine properties.