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**Math Lab Lesson #2 Classwork:**

Expressions, Equations, and Identities

★ **Video#1: A Common Factoring “Mistake”**★ **Example:** a) Factor the difference  $25 - 60$  by finding a common factorb) Factor  $5x + 60$ c) Factor  $32 - 8a$ 

1. Factor:

$4x - 24$	$4a + 36$	$36 - 9c$
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2. a) Find the mistake in the work below:

$$7a - 56 = 7(a - 9)$$

b) Fix the mistake by factoring  $7a - 56$  correctly.

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3. a) Write an expression that could be factored as  $6(b - 2)$

b) Write an expression that could be factored as  $6(2 - b)$

c) Write an expression that could be factored as  $-6(2 - b)$

d) Are your answers to a) and c) the same? Hmm...why would that be?

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★ Video#2: Solving Equations Two Ways: Inverse Operations and Structure

★ Example: a) Solve the equation  $4x - 3 = 25$

SOLUTION #1: USING INVERSE OPERATIONS	SOLUTION #2: USING STRUCTURE

b) Solve for  $k$ :  $4k + 5 = 17 + 2k$

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c) Let  $P = 4k + 5$  and  $Q = 17 + 2k$ . If  $P = Q$ , then what is the value of  $k$  ?

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1. Solve the equations below:

a) $4x + 3 = 27$	b) $3a - 7 = 11$
c) $4b + 3 = -9$	d) $-3k + 5 = 26$

2. Solve for  $a$ :  $4a + 3 = 3a - 7$



3. Solve for  $b$ :  $-5b + 20 = 3b - 4$

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4. Let  $A = 4m - 1$  and  $B = 17 + 2m$ . If  $A = B$ , then what is the value of  $m$ ?

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5. Use **structure** to solve the following equations (try not to use inverse operations!)

a) $3x = 21$	b) $6m = 48$	c) $2a + 1 = 7$
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### ★ Video#3: Equations and Identities

★ Example: When is an equations always true? When is it sometimes true? When is it never true?

1. The statement  $12 - 2x = 2x$  is

- A) Always true
  - B) Sometimes true
  - C) Never true
  - D) Not enough information
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2. The statement  $12 - 6b = 6(2 - b)$  is

- A) Always true
  - B) Sometimes true
  - C) Never true
  - D) Not enough information
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➔ 1. The statement  $15 - x = 2x$  is

- A) Always true
  - B) Sometimes true
  - C) Never true
  - D) Not enough information
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2. The statement  $5x + 15 = 5(x + 3)$  is

- A) Always true
  - B) Sometimes true
  - C) Never true
  - D) Not enough information
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3. The statement  $x + 2 = x + 3$  is

- A) Always true
  - B) Sometimes true
  - C) Never true
  - D) Not enough information
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4. The statement  $2x = 3x$  is

- A) Always true
- B) Sometimes true
- C) Never true
- D) Not enough information

**(HINT: before you answer this one, try to “solve for x”)**

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## ★ Video#4: Equations in Two Variables

★ Example: 1. Consider the equation  $3x = 6y$

a) Solve the equation for $x$ :	b) Solve the equation for $y$ :
c) What is the value of $\frac{x}{y}$ ?	d) What is the value of $\frac{y}{x}$ ?

2. The statement  $4(x + y) = 4x + 4y$  is

- A) Always true
- B) Sometimes true
- C) Never true
- D) Not enough information





3. The statement  $4(x + y) = 4x + y$  is

- A) Always true
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1. Consider the equation  $10a = 2b$

a) Solve the equation for $a$ :	b) Solve the equation for $b$ :
c) What is the value of $\frac{a}{b}$ ?	d) What is the value of $\frac{b}{a}$ ?

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2. The statement  $7(m + p) = 7m + p$  is

- A) Always true
  - B) Sometimes true
  - C) Never true
  - D) Not enough information
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3. The statement  $-2(x - y) = -2x + 2y$  is

- A) Always true
  - B) Sometimes true
  - C) Never true
  - D) Not enough information
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4. Consider the equation  $10(a - 5) = 10b - 50$ . What must be true of the ratio  $\frac{a}{b}$  in order for this equation to be an identity? (Assume that  $a \neq 0$  and  $b \neq 0$ )

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1. Consider the equation  $10(a - 5) = 2b - 50$ . What must be true of the ratio  $\frac{a}{b}$  in order for this equation to be an identity? (Assume that  $a \neq 0$  and  $b \neq 0$ )

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2. The statement  $4 - m = 4m$  is

- A) Always true
  - B) Sometimes true
  - C) Never true
  - D) Not enough information
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3. The statement  $3(a - b) = 3a - b$  is

- A) Always true
  - B) Sometimes true
  - C) Never true
  - D) Not enough information
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4. Let  $M = 5a - 3$  and  $N = 7 + 3a$ . If  $M = N$ , then what is the value of  $a$ ?