

The six letters form the “word” **PEMDAS**, pronounced “Pem-das”. “Pem” rhymes with “Tim”, and “das” sounds like “does.”

Another way to recall the order of operation is in a sentence.

**“Please Excuse My Dear Aunt Sally.”**

You can come up with your own sentence using the first letters of the operations, too.

**P → Parentheses**

**E → Exponents**

**M → Multiply**

**D → Divide**

**A → Add**

**S → Subtract**

A mathematical phrase that includes only numbers and operations is called a *numerical expression*.

$9 + 8 \times 3 \div 6$  is a numerical expression.

When you evaluate a numerical expression, you find its value.

You can use the order of operations to evaluate a numerical expression.

Order of operations:

1. Do all operations within *parentheses*.
2. Find the values of numbers with *exponents*.
3. *Multiply* and *divide* in order from left to right.
4. *Add* and *subtract* in order from left to right.

**Evaluate the expression.**

$$60 \div (7 + 3) + 3^2$$

$$60 \div 10 + 3^2$$

Do all operations within parentheses.

$$60 \div 10 + 9$$

Find the values of numbers with exponents.

$$6 + 9$$

Multiply and divide in order from left to right.

$$15$$

Add and subtract in order from left to right.

**Simplify each numerical expression.**

1.  $7 \times (12 + 8) - 6$

$7 \times \underline{\hspace{2cm}} - 6$

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2.  $10 \times (12 + 34) + 3$

$10 \times \underline{\hspace{2cm}} + 3$

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3.  $10 + (6 \times 5) - 7$

$10 + \underline{\hspace{2cm}} - 7$

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4.  $2^3 + (10 - 4)$

$\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

5.  $7 + 3 \times (8 + 5)$

$\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

6.  $36 \div 4 + 11 \times 8$

$\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

7.  $5^2 - (2 \times 8) + 9$

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8.  $3 \times (12 \div 4) - 2^2$

$\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

9.  $(3^3 + 10) - 2$

$\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

**Solve.**

10. Write and evaluate your own numerical expression. Use parentheses, exponents, and at least two operations.

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**Fill in the steps in each simplification.**

1.  $4 + (9 \div 3)^2 \times 5 - 1$

P:  $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

E:  $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

M:  $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

D:  $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

A:  $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

S:  $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

2.  $(3 \times 2) + 5^2 - 8 \div 2$

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M:  $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

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A:  $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

S:  $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

**Simplify.**

3.  $12 \times 4 \div 2 + (7 - 5)^4$

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4.  $1 + 2^3 - (4 \times 5) \div 10$

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