

**1-2 Notes: Order of Operations + Simplifying Expressions** → *no equal sign*  
 Lesson Objective: To understand how to properly condense an algebraic expression.

The infamous **PEMDAS**

**Order of operations:**

1. **P** = parentheses (also means brackets [ ], square roots  $\sqrt{\quad}$ , or braces  $\{\}$ ).
2. **E** = Exponents
3. **MD** or **DM** = multiplication or division. Do whatever comes 1<sup>st</sup> left to right.
4. **AS** or **SA** = addition or subtraction. Do whatever comes 1<sup>st</sup>

left to right.

One Step per line

Lots of examples.

Ex.  $25 - 8 \cdot 2 + 3^2$

$$25 - 8 \cdot 2 + 9$$

$$25 - 16 + 9$$

$$9 + 9$$

$$\textcircled{18}$$

Ex.  $-2\frac{1}{3} - (-2)^2 \div \sqrt{12-3} =$

$$-2\frac{1}{3} - (-2)^2 \div \sqrt{9}$$

$$-2\frac{1}{3} - (-2)^2 \div 3$$

$$-2\frac{1}{3} - (4) \div 3$$

*If you can't divide, make into a fraction*

$$-2\frac{1}{3} - \frac{4}{3}$$

$$-\frac{7}{3} - \frac{4}{3} = -\frac{7}{3} + \frac{-4}{3}$$

$$\textcircled{-\frac{11}{3}}$$

Ex.  $15(-13+7) \div (8-5)$

$$15(-6) \div (-3)$$

$$-90 \div 3$$

$$\boxed{-30}$$

Ex.  $-\frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{8+6}{10-4^2} \right)$

$$-\frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{14}{10-16} \right)$$

$$-\frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{14 \div 2}{-6 \div 2} \right)^2$$

$$-\frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{7}{-3} \right)$$

$$\boxed{\frac{7}{9}}$$

$$\text{TRY. } 8(5+30 \div 5)$$

$$\text{TRY. } 5+4^2 \cdot 8-2^3 \div 2^2$$

$$\text{TRY. 2} \left[ (13-7)^2 \div 3 \right]$$

$$\text{TRY. 5} - 3 \left[ 2 \left( \frac{3}{8} - 2 \right)^2 + 1 \right]$$

Given  $a = -2$ ,  $b = \frac{5}{3}$ , and  $c = \frac{1}{3} \rightarrow$  Replace them in the expression below and simplify.

Ex. Simplify  $ab - b \div c^2 + a$

$$(-2) \left( \frac{5}{3} \right) - \left( \frac{5}{3} \right) \div \left( \frac{1}{3} \right)^2 + (-2)$$

$$; \left( \frac{-2}{1} \right) \left( \frac{5}{3} \right) - \left( \frac{5}{3} \right) \div \frac{1}{9} + (-2)$$

$$-\frac{10}{3} - \left( \frac{5}{3} \right) \div \frac{1}{9} + (-2)$$

$$-\frac{10}{3} - \left( \frac{5}{3} \right) \cdot \frac{9}{1} + (-2)$$

$$-\frac{10}{3} - 15 + (-2)$$

$$-\frac{10}{3} + \frac{45}{3} - \frac{6}{3}$$

$$-\frac{10}{3} + \frac{45}{3} - \frac{6}{3}$$

$$\frac{35}{3} - \frac{6}{3}$$

$$\frac{29}{3}$$

TRY. Simplify  $\frac{a-b \div c + c \div b}{ac}$

(a, b, and c are on previous page).