

**Mathematics 9**

**Unit 4: Multiplying and Dividing Polynomials (Ch 7)**

**Lesson #1: Multiplying and Dividing Monomials (Sec. 7.1)**

**Learning Targets:**

1. Multiply a monomial with another monomial.
2. Divide a monomial by another monomial.
3. Applications: area of a rectangle; area of a triangle

**Multiplying Two Monomials with the Same Variable:**

**(4a)(3a)** Monomials are made up of a coefficient and variable(s) or variable power. When we multiply two monomials we multiply both of the coefficients together, and both of the variables together.

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= The answer is another **monomial**.

**Practice:**

1.  $(2x)(-8x)$

2.  $(-4m)(-m)$

3.  $(-10p)(3p)$

**Multiplying Two Monomials with Different Variables:**

**(5x)(2y)** When we multiply two monomials with different variables, we multiply both of the coefficients together, and write both of the variables in the answer (in alphabetical order).

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**Practice:**

1.  $(-5m)(4n)$

2.  $(-8x)(-6y)$

3.  $(-25b)(3a)$

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**Multiplying Two Monomials when one is a Constant:**

**(11n)(3)** When we multiply two monomials and one of them is a constant, we multiply both of the coefficients and the constant together, and write the variable in the answer without it changing.

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**Practice:**

1.  $(-9)(3x)$

2.  $(-8n)(-1)$

3.  $(-2a)(6)$

**Practice – all types (fractions and decimals):**

1.  $(3.6y)(-3b)$

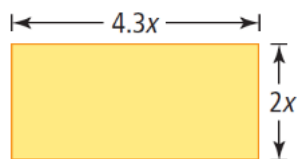
2.  $\left(\frac{2}{3}m\right)\left(\frac{9}{2}m\right)$

3.  $(-3x)\left(\frac{5}{6}\right)$

**Application: area of a rectangle**

**Area = (L)(W)**

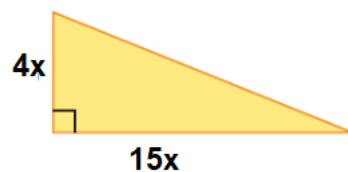
What expression would represent the area of this rectangle?



**Application: area of a triangle**

**Area = (0.5)(b)(h)**

What expression would represent the area of this triangle?



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**Dividing Two Monomials with the Same Variable:**

$$\frac{16x^2}{8x}$$

When we divide two monomials that have the same variable, we divide the coefficients together, and simplify the variables by using the exponent law for quotients.

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**Practice:**

1.  $\frac{24a^2}{-4a}$

2.  $-45m^2 \div 9m$

3.  $\frac{-5b}{-10b}$

**Dividing Two Monomials with Different Variables:**

$$\frac{25x}{5y}$$

When we divide two monomials with different variables, we divide the coefficients together, and leave the variables in the same positions.

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**Practice:**

1.  $\frac{-8k}{4n}$

2.  $-12a \div -6b$

3.  $\frac{15y}{12x}$

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**Dividing Two Monomials with Variables that are the Same and Different:**

$$\frac{28mn}{4m}$$

We divide the coefficients together, use the exponent law on the variables that are the same, and leave the different variable in its same position.

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**Practice:**

1.  $\frac{4xy}{-2x}$

2.  $-6mn \div -3m$

3.  $\frac{3ab}{12b}$

**Dividing a Monomial by a Constant:**

$$\frac{30x}{5}$$

When we divide a monomial by a constant, we divide the coefficient by the constant, and write the variable in the answer, without it changing.

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**Practice:**

1.  $\frac{27ab}{-9}$

2.  $\frac{-35m}{-7}$

3.  $-18p^2 \div 3$

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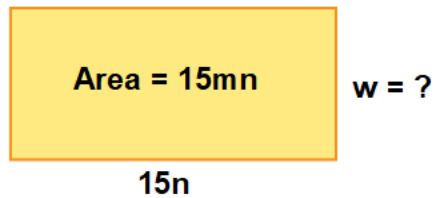
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**Application: area of a rectangle**

The area of a rectangle is  $75mn$ . If its length is  $15n$ , what is its width?

$$\text{Area} = (L)(W) \rightarrow \text{Width} = \frac{\text{Area}}{\text{Length}}$$

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**Application: area of a triangle**

The area of a triangle is  $18x^2$ . If the base of the triangle is  $6x$ , what is its height?

$$\text{Area} = (0.5)(b)(h) \rightarrow \text{height} = \frac{2 \times \text{Area}}{\text{base}}$$

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