

**Practice**  
**8-4*****Solving Equations Using the Distributive Property***

1. Use the Distributive Property to solve the equation  $-2(x + 5) = 4$ .
2. Solve the equation  $8(x - 4) = 16$  without using the Distributive Property.
3. Which operation do you need to solve  $x + 3 = 6$ ?  
☐ A. division ☐ C. subtraction  
☐ B. addition ☐ D. multiplication
4. Which operations do you need to solve  $3x - 8 = -2$ ?
5. A family buys 4 airline tickets online. The family buys travel insurance that costs \$19 per ticket. The total cost is \$752. Let  $x$  represent the price of one ticket.
  - a) Which equation represents this situation?  
☐ A.  $19 = 4x + 752$  ☐ C.  $752 = 4(x + 19)$   
☐ B.  $752 = 19(x + 4)$  ☐ D.  $752 = 4x + 19$
  - b) What is the price of one ticket?
6. Last season, a sports fan spent \$5,248 to see her favorite team play 41 games. To see each game, the fan had to buy a ticket and pay \$40 for parking. Let  $p$  represent the amount the fan paid for each ticket.
  - a) Which equation represents the total amount the fan paid?  
☐ A.  $5,248 = 40p + 41$  ☐ C.  $5,248 = 41p + 40$   
☐ B.  $5,248 = 40(p + 41)$  ☐ D.  $5,248 = 41(p + 40)$
  - b) A friend of the sports fan bought 5 tickets at the same price. How much did the friend spend?
7. a) **Writing** Which operation do you need to solve  $\frac{x}{2.6} = 2$ ?  
☐ A. addition ☐ C. division  
☐ B. multiplication ☐ D. subtraction  
b) Describe how you know which operation to use to solve any equation with one operation for the four basic operations.

- 8. Reasoning** Kiera and Javier are grouping equations based on the number of operations needed to solve them. In order to solve the equation  $-8(9 + x) = 111$ , Kiera says that you need three operations. Javier says you need two operations. Their teacher says that they are both correct.
- a) Which of the following would solve the equation in three operations?
- ☐ A. First use the Distributive Property. Then use addition and division.
  - ☐ B. First use addition. Then use division and subtraction.
  - ☐ C. First use division. Then use addition and multiplication.
  - ☐ D. First use subtraction. Then use the Distributive Property and division.
  - ☐ E. First use the Distributive Property. Then use addition and multiplication.
- b) Explain how you can use two operations to solve the equation. Which method do you prefer? Why?
- 9. Error Analysis** The solution shown for the equation is incorrect.
- $$\begin{aligned} -3(6 - r) &= 6 \\ -18 - 3r &= 6 \\ -3r &= 24 \\ r &= -8 \end{aligned}$$
- a) What is the correct solution?
- b) What is the error?
- ☐ A. The left side of the equation should be  $-18 + 3r$  after distributing.
  - ☐ B. The right side of the equation should be  $-12$  after subtracting  $-18$  from each side.
  - ☐ C. The left side of the equation should be  $-r$  after dividing each side by  $-3$ .
  - ☐ D. The right side of the equation should be  $8$  after dividing each side by  $-3$ .
- 10. Sales** Fadil sells televisions. He earns a fixed amount for each television and an additional \$15 if the buyer gets an extended warranty. If Fadil sells 12 televisions with extended warranties, he earns \$900. How much is the fixed amount Fadil earns for each television?
- 11. a) Multiple Representations** Use the Distributive Property to solve the equation  $95.4 = 9(m + 2.2)$ .
- b) Draw a picture that represents the equation and shows the solution.
- 12.** Use the Distributive Property to solve the equation  $3.2 = \frac{4}{5}(b - 5)$ .
- 13.** Solve the equation  $-9.2(x - 3.5) = 36.8$  without using the Distributive Property.
- 14. Challenge** The ticket price for a concert at a historic music hall includes \$6.70 for the concert, \$4.20 for the program, and a hall restoration fee. The price for 19 tickets is \$223.25. How much is the restoration fee?

**15. Challenge** A cell phone plan costs \$19.70 per month for 700 minutes of talk time. It costs an additional \$0.05 per minute for each minute over 700 minutes. To get e-mail access, it costs 10% of the price for 700 minutes of talk time. Your bill, which includes e-mail, is the same each month for 7 months. The total cost for all 7 months is \$180.39. Let  $m$  represent the number of minutes over 700 minutes each month.

**a)** Which equation represents the given situation?

- ☐ A.  $180.39 = 7(m + 19.70 + 0.90(19.70))$
- ☐ B.  $180.39 = 7(0.05m + 19.70 + 0.10(19.70))$
- ☐ C.  $180.39 = 7(0.05m + 19.70)$
- ☐ D.  $180.39 = 7(m + 19.70)$

**b)** Solve the equation to find out how many minutes of talk time you use each month.