Adding and Subtracting Expressions

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To add two expressions..

- 1. Remove all parentheses
- 2. Use the Commutative and Associative properties to rearrange and group like terms.
- 3. Simplify by combining like terms

Example

$$(4y-5) + (-3y+2)$$

 $4y-5-3y+2$
 $(4y-3y) + (-5+2)$
 $y + (-3)$

To subtract two expressions..

- 1. Change the subtracted expression to its opposite by changing the sign of each term in the expression
- 2. Use the Commutative and Associative properties to rearrange and group like terms.
- 3. Simplify by combining like terms

Example

$$(a+9) - (-3a-7)$$

$$a+9+3a+7$$

$$(a+3a) + (9+7)$$

$$4a+16$$

Simplify the following expressions:

1.
$$(x + 6) + (3x + 3)$$

$$2.(2m+4)+(5m-6)$$

3.
$$(12-7y)+(4y+10)$$

4.
$$(2a+6b)+(-6a-b)$$

5.
$$(-8x - 13) + (2x - 9)$$

$$6.(4n+5)+(3n+6m)$$

7.
$$(7x - 15) + (23 - 4x)$$

8.
$$(3m + 17) + (-m - 19)$$

9.
$$(4p + 6q - 11r) + (-8p + 6q - 3r)$$

10.
$$(3x - 3y) + (12x - 2y) + (11x - y)$$

Simplify the following expressions:

11.
$$4p - 9p$$

12.
$$(8y - 17) - 9y$$

13.
$$8x - (4 + 11x)$$

14.
$$(m+3n)-(5m+7n)$$

15.
$$(13x - 9y) - (4x + 10y)$$

16.
$$(2a + 6b) - (14a - 11b)$$

17.
$$-(3p-2n-t)$$

18.
$$(12x + 3y) - (6x + 2y - 4)$$

19.
$$(8a - 6b - 3) - (-2a + 4b + 7)$$

19.
$$(8a - 6b - 3) - (-2a + 4b + 7)$$
 20. $(8m + 3n - 4) - (3m - 2n) - 8$