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Break it Up: Distributive Property 1

The **distributive property** is a tool to make multiplication with larger numbers easier.

To use the distributive property:
Break one factor into two addends,
multiply both addends by the other
factor, and add together both products.

Break up
the bigger
number
into two
addends

16 x 5
(10 + 6) x 5
(10 x 5) + (6 x 5)
50 + 30 = 80

16 x 5 = 80

Directions: *Fill in the blanks to solve each problem below using the distributive property.*

1. 8 x 9

    8 x (3 + 6)

    (8 x _____) + (8 x _____)

    _____ + _____

    8 x 9 = _____

2. 12 x 3

    (_____ + 2) x 3

    (_____ x 3) + (2 x 3)

    _____ + _____

    12 x 3 = _____

3. 4 x 13

    4 x (_____ + 3)

    (4 x _____) + (4 x _____)

    _____ + _____

    4 x 13 = _____

4. 14 x 6

    (10 + _____) x 6

    (_____ x 6) + (_____ x 6)

    _____ + _____

    14 x 6 = _____

It's Associative!

One of the multiplication properties is *associative*, which means you can group the factors in a multiplication equation and still get the same product.

$$A \times (B \times C) = (A \times B) \times C$$

Find the missing number according to the associative property.

4 x (3 x 2) = (4 x 3) x ☐

6 x (2 x 5) = (6 x 2) x ☐

(20 x 5) x 11 = 20 x (11 x ☐)

Find the product of these numbers.

7 x (2 x 1) = ☐   2 x (7 x 1) = ☐

10 x (3 x 4) = 10 x ☐ = ☐

(10 x 3) x 4 = ☐ x 4 = ☐