

1.4 Order of Operations

Solve each of these skill testing questions 😊

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 2 + 8 \times (5 - 2^2) \div 2 - 6 \\
 & \quad \quad \quad 5 - 4 \\
 & = 2 + 8 \times 1 \div 2 - 6 \\
 & = 2 + 8 \div 2 - 6 \\
 & = 2 + 4 - 6 \\
 & = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\sqrt{9} = (9)^{1/2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 15 \div (-2.5) + \sqrt{6.25} - 3^2 \\
 & = 15 \div (-2.5) + 2.5 - 9 \\
 & = -6 + 2.5 - 9 \\
 & = -12.5
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left[1\frac{1}{2} + \left(\frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \right) - \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}} \right] \times 4 \\
 & \quad \quad \quad \frac{3}{4} - \frac{2}{4} \\
 & = \left[1\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \right] \times 4 \\
 & = \left[1\frac{2}{4} + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{2}{4} \right] \times 4 \\
 & = 1\frac{1}{4} \times 4 \\
 & = \frac{5}{4} \times 4 \\
 & = 5
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -0.7 + [2.2(1.58 - 3.12)] + \sqrt{12.5 + (-3.5)} \\
 & = -0.7 + [2.2(-1.54)] + \sqrt{9} \\
 & = -0.7 + \boxed{-3.388} + 3 \\
 & = -1.088
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 12 \div 4 \times \sqrt{\frac{3}{4} + 1\frac{1}{2}} + \left(\frac{7}{8} - \frac{1}{16} \right) - 1\frac{1}{8} \\
 & = 12 \div 4 \times \sqrt{\frac{3}{4} + \frac{3}{2}} + \left(\frac{14}{16} - \frac{1}{16} \right) - \frac{9}{8} \\
 & = 12 \div 4 \times \sqrt{\frac{3}{4} + \frac{6}{4}} + \frac{13}{16} - \frac{18}{16} \\
 & = 12 \div 4 \times \sqrt{\frac{9}{4}} + \frac{13}{16} - \frac{18}{16} \\
 & = 12 \div 4 \times \frac{3}{2} + \frac{13}{16} - \frac{18}{16} \\
 & = 3 \times \frac{3}{2} + \frac{13}{16} - \frac{18}{16} \\
 & = \frac{9}{2} + \frac{13}{16} - \frac{18}{16} \\
 & = \frac{72}{16} + \frac{13}{16} - \frac{18}{16} \\
 & = \frac{67}{16} \text{ or } 4\frac{3}{16}
 \end{aligned}$$

Practise:

1. Solve.

a) $10 \left[\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \right) + 2 \left(\frac{1}{8} \right) \right] \div 2$

c) $\sqrt{(0.6^2) + (0.8^2)}$

b) $\left(\frac{1}{5} - \frac{3}{5} \right) \times \sqrt{6 \times \frac{2}{3}} + (\sqrt{36} \div \sqrt{5^2})$

d) $[-1.5 + \sqrt{0.25} - (-0.75)] \times 2^4$

2. Ben works at a local coffee shop. On New Year's Day, Ben was paid time and a half. This means that he was paid $1\frac{1}{2}$ times his regular \$15/h pay rate. He worked from 7:00 am to 2:30 pm. How much did Ben earn?

3. Nicki decides to bake three different desserts. The recipes call for $2\frac{1}{2}$ cups, $\frac{3}{4}$ of a cup, and 3 cups of flour, respectively.

a) How much flour does Nicki need to make the three desserts?

b) If she tripled the recipe that calls for $\frac{3}{4}$ of a cup, what is the total amount of flour needed for the three dessert?