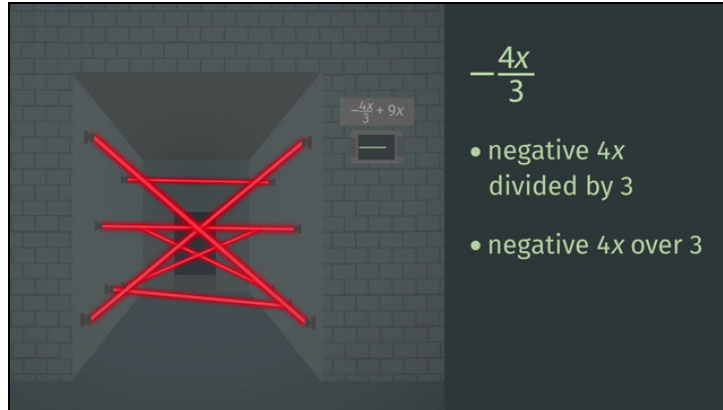


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How to Read Basic Expressions



- 1 Explain the rules for reading expressions.
- 2 Explain how to read the expression.
- 3 Decide how to read the expression.
- 4 Determine how to read the expression.
- 5 Identify how to read the expressions correctly.
- 6 Determine how to write the expressions after hearing them.
- + with many hints, answer keys, and solution approaches for all tasks



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Explain the rules for reading expressions.

Select all rules that are correct.



Some rival hackers captured Lucky! He needs to figure out a way to escape. On his way in, he saw mathematical expressions next to the door locks, and thinks that he may need to use mathematics to help find his way safely out of prison. So he decides to review the rules for reading mathematical expressions.

Help Lucky decide which are the correct rules for reading expressions.

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Read the denominator of a fraction before reading the numerator.

A

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Pay attention to positive and negative signs.

B

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Read fractions from top to bottom.

C

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Read positive terms before negative terms.

D

☐

Read from left to right.

E

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Read the largest term first.

F

Our hints for the tasks



Explain the rules for reading expressions.

1. Hint

The numerator is the top of a fraction, and the denominator is the bottom.

2. Hint

Positive and negative signs don't decide the order that terms are read in.

3. Hint

Whether a term is large or small doesn't effect when it is read.

Solutions and solution approaches for the tasks



Explain the rules for reading expressions.

Answer key: B, C, E

There are three rules for reading expressions:

1. Read from left to right.
2. Pay attention to positive and negative signs.
3. Read fractions from top to bottom.

Expressions are read from left to right. It doesn't matter if the terms are positive, negative, large, or small. So "read positive before negative" and "read the largest term first" are incorrect.

You should read the top, or the numerator, first when reading fractions. So "read the denominator of a fraction before the numerator" is incorrect.