

**Practice: Collect Like Terms**

- Which polynomial contains a term like  $xy^2$ ?  
 A  $4xy - x^2y$       B  $2x^2 + 3xy^2$   
 C  $-x + y^2 - xy$     D  $x^2 + y^2 + 4$
- Are the terms in each pair like or unlike?
  - $5a$  and  $-2a$
  - $3x^2$  and  $x^3$
  - $2p^3$  and  $-p^3$
  - $4ab$  and  $\frac{2}{3}ab$
  - $-3b^4$  and  $-4b^3$
  - $6a^2b$  and  $3a^2b$
  - $9pq^3$  and  $-p^3q$
  - $2x^2y$  and  $3x^2y^2$
- Write one like term and one unlike term for each.
  - $4p$                       b)  $-3a^2$
  - $-k^3$                      d)  $2x$
  - $-4mn^4$                 f)  $2ab$
  - $-pq^3$                     h)  $3b^2d^2$
- Is it possible to simplify each expression? How do you know?
  - $8a + 3a$               b)  $5m + 2n$
  - $3p + p$                 d)  $3t - 7t$
  - $4x - 3$                 f)  $-v - 4v + 2v$
  - $6c^2 - c^2 - 3c^2$     h)  $r^2 + 3r + 7$
- Simplify each expression.
  - $p + 2p$                 b)  $7g - 4g$
  - $2a - 8a$               d)  $5x - 2x$
  - $6q + q$                 f)  $4y^2 + 5y^2$
  - $u + 4u - u$           h)  $7b^3 - 2b^3 - b^3$
- Collect like terms. Then, simplify.
  - $4b + 3 - 2b + 1$
  - $2p - 7 - p + 4$
  - $1 + 3y + 4 + y$
  - $5 - x - 1 - 2x$
  - $6a - 2b + 3b + 2a$
  - $7r + 2 + 3r - r - 1$
  - $9s - 2s + 5t - 4s$
  - $-g - 3h + 5h + 2g - h$
- Simplify.
  - $4 + v + 5v - 10$
  - $7a - 2b - a - 3b$
  - $8k + 1 + 3k - 5k + 4 + k$
  - $2x^2 - 4x + 8x^2 + 5x$
  - $12 - 4m^2 - 8 - m^2 + 2m^2$
  - $-6y + 4y + 10 - 2y - 6 - y$
  - $5 + 3h + h - 4 + h + 6 + 2h$
  - $4p^2 + 2q^2 - p^2 + 3p^2 - 7q^2$
- Simplify.
  - $2a + 6b - 2 + b - 4 + a$
  - $4x + 3xy + y + 5x - 2xy - 3y$
  - $m^4 - m^2 + 1 + 3 - 2m^2 + m^4$
  - $x^2 + 3xy + 2y^2 - x^2 + 2xy - y^2$
- The length of a rectangle is 2 times the width of the rectangle. Let  $x$  represent the width of the rectangle.
  - Write an expression to represent the length of the rectangle.
  - Write a simplified expression for the perimeter of the rectangle.
  - Suppose the width is 6 cm. Find the perimeter of the rectangle.