

Simplifying Expressions — Cheat Sheet

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SIMPLIFYING EXPRESSIONS

1. Like terms share the same letter.
2. Add/subtract the numbers; the letter stays.
3. A bare letter counts as 1 of it.
4. Unlike terms stay separate: $2a + 3b$ is finished.

Examples: $3a + 2a = 5a$ · $5x + 2y + 3x - y = 8x + y$.