

8-1 Study Guide and Intervention *(continued)*

Multiplying Monomials

Powers of Monomials An expression of the form $(x^m)^n$ is called a **power of a power** and represents the product you obtain when x^m is used as a factor n times. To find the power of a power, multiply exponents.

Power of a Power	For any number a and all integers m and n , $(a^m)^n = a^{mn}$.
Power of a Product	For any number a and all integers m and n , $(ab)^m = a^m b^m$.

Example

Simplify $(-2ab^2)^3(a^2)^4$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 (-2ab^2)^3(a^2)^4 &= (-2ab^2)^3(a^8) && \text{Power of a Power} \\
 &= (-2)^3(a^3)(b^2)^3(a^8) && \text{Power of a Product} \\
 &= (-2)^3(a^3)(a^8)(b^2)^3 && \text{Commutative Property} \\
 &= (-2)^3(a^{11})(b^2)^3 && \text{Product of Powers} \\
 &= -8a^{11}b^6 && \text{Power of a Power}
 \end{aligned}$$

The product is $-8a^{11}b^6$.

Exercises

Simplify.

- $(y^5)^2 = y^5 \cdot y^5$
 y^{10}
- $(n^7)^4$
 n^{28}
- $(x^2)^5(x^3)$
 x^{13}
- $-3(ab^4)^3$
 $-3a^3b^{12}$
- $(-3ab^4)^3$
 $-27a^3b^{12}$
- $(4x^2b)^3$
 $64x^6b^3$
- $(4a^2)^2(b^3)$
 $16a^4b^3$
- $(4x)^2(b^3)$
 $16x^2b^3$
- $(x^2y^4)^5$
 $x^{10}y^{20}$
- $(2a^3b^2)(b^3)^2$
 $2a^3b^3$
- $(-4xy)^3(-2x^2)^3$
 $512x^9y^3$
- $(-3j^2k^3)^2(2j^2k)^3$
 $72j^{10}k^9$
- $(25a^2b)^3\left(\frac{1}{5}abc\right)^2$
 $625a^6b^5c^2$
- $(2xy)^2(-3x^2)(4y^4)$
 $-48x^4y^6$
- $(2x^3y^2z^2)^3(x^2z)^4$
 $8x^{17}y^6z^{10}$
- $(-2n^6y^5)(-6n^3y^2)(ny)^3$
 $12n^{12}y^{10}$
- $(-3a^3n^4)(-3a^3n)^4$
 $-243a^{15}n^8$
- $-3(2x)^4(4x^5y)^2$
 $-768x^{14}y^2$