

Maths

Multiplication and Division

The Distributive Law



Aim

- I can use my understanding of the distributive law to help me to solve problems.

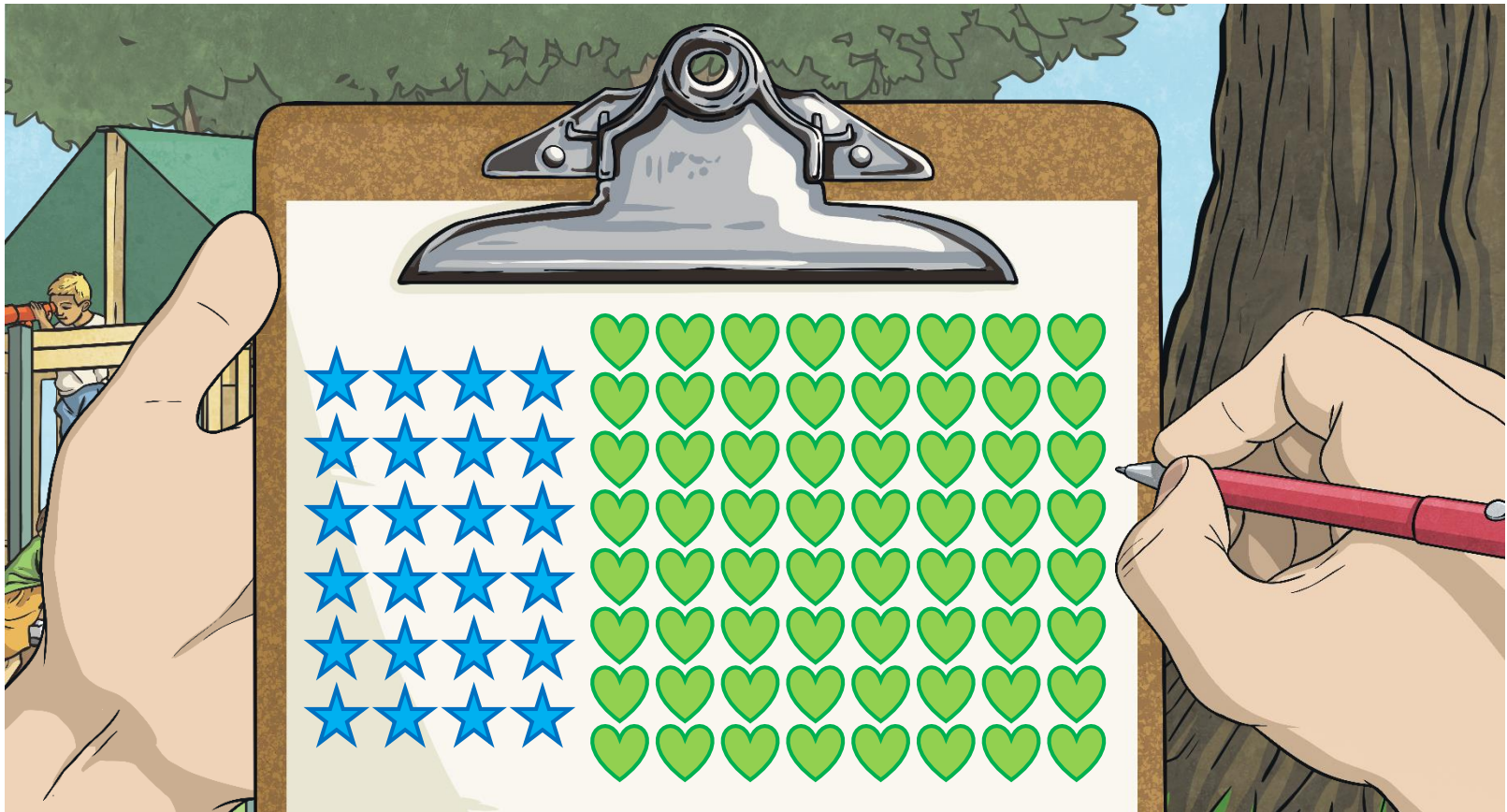
Success Criteria

- I can explain what the distributive law is.
- I can solve equations with brackets in them by writing an equivalent calculation.

Arrays

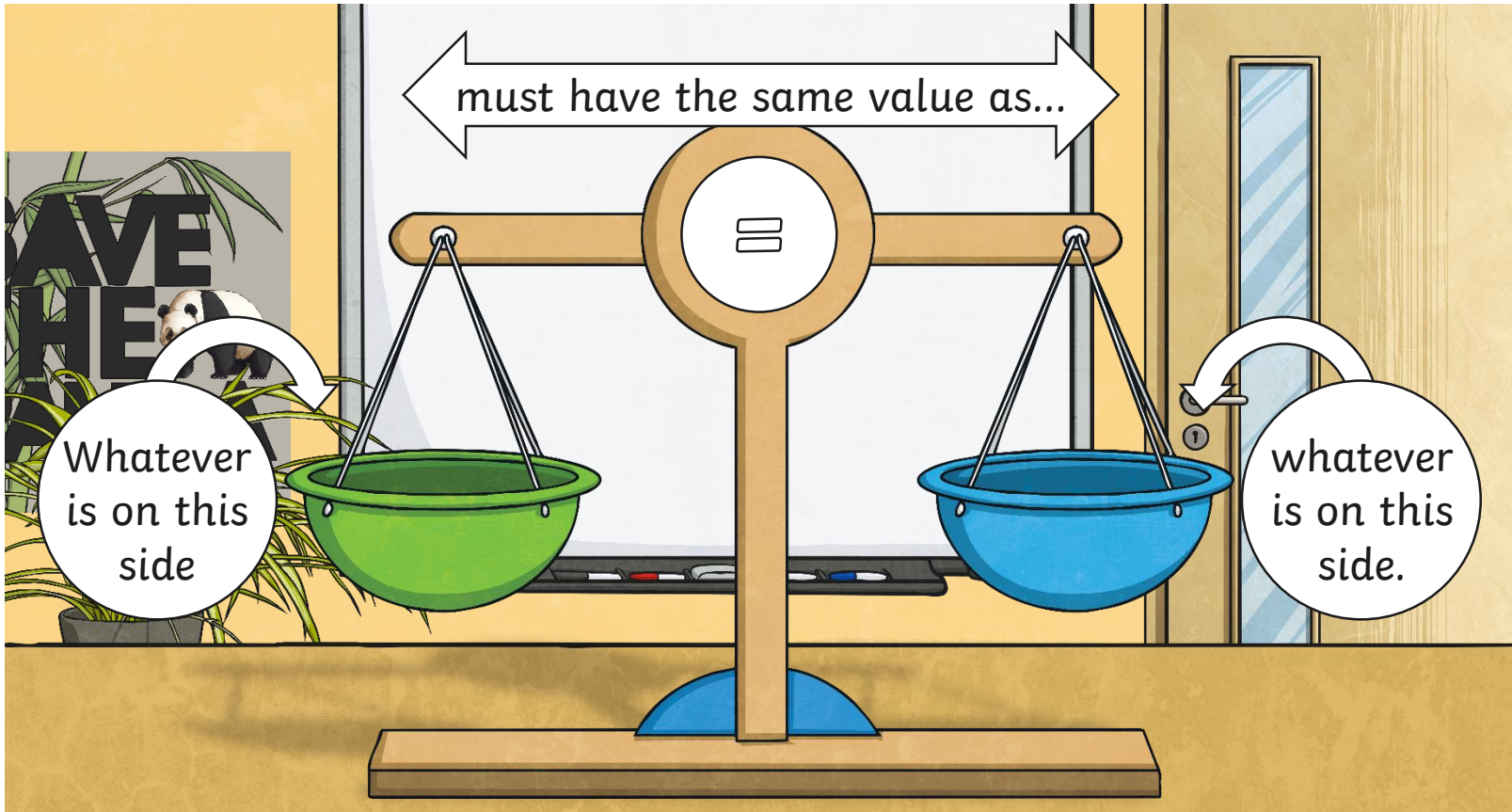


How many different calculations can you write to describe these arrays? You can use the \times , \div and $+$ signs.



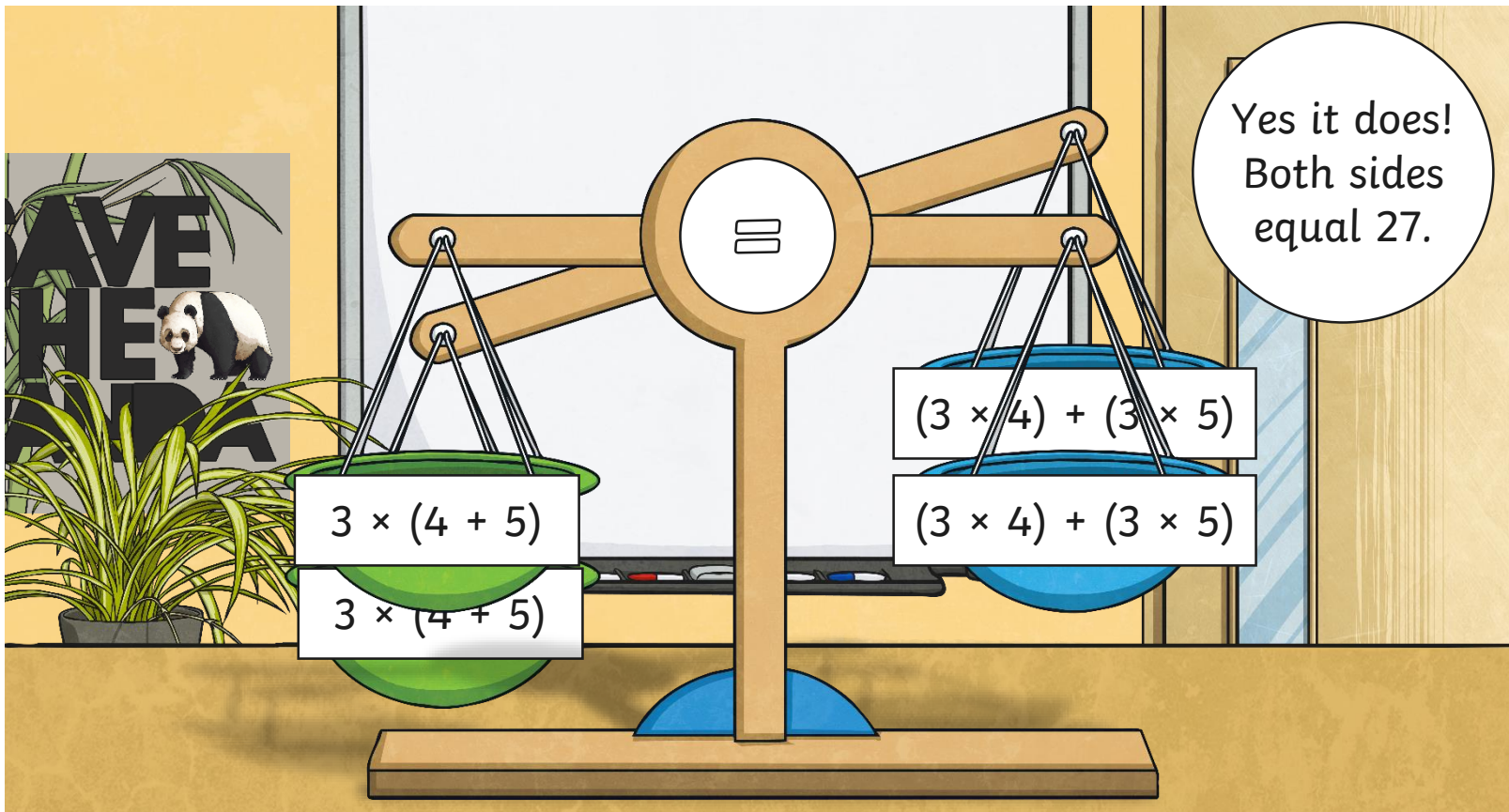
The Distributive Law

The equals sign means that the numbers or calculations on either side of the sign must have the same value. They have to balance.



The Distributive Law

Do these scales balance?



The Distributive Law

Does $3 \times (4 + 5)$ equal $(3 \times 4) + (3 \times 5)$?

$$3 \times (4 + 5)$$

~~X X X~~

The distributive law states that
 ~~$3 \times (4 + 5) = (3 \times 4) + (3 \times 5)$~~

~~X X X~~

We can use algebra
(where letters represent numbers)
to explain this.

~~X X X~~
 ~~$a \times (b + c) = (a \times b) + (a \times c)$~~

~~X X X~~
or
 ~~$a(b + c) = ab + ac$~~

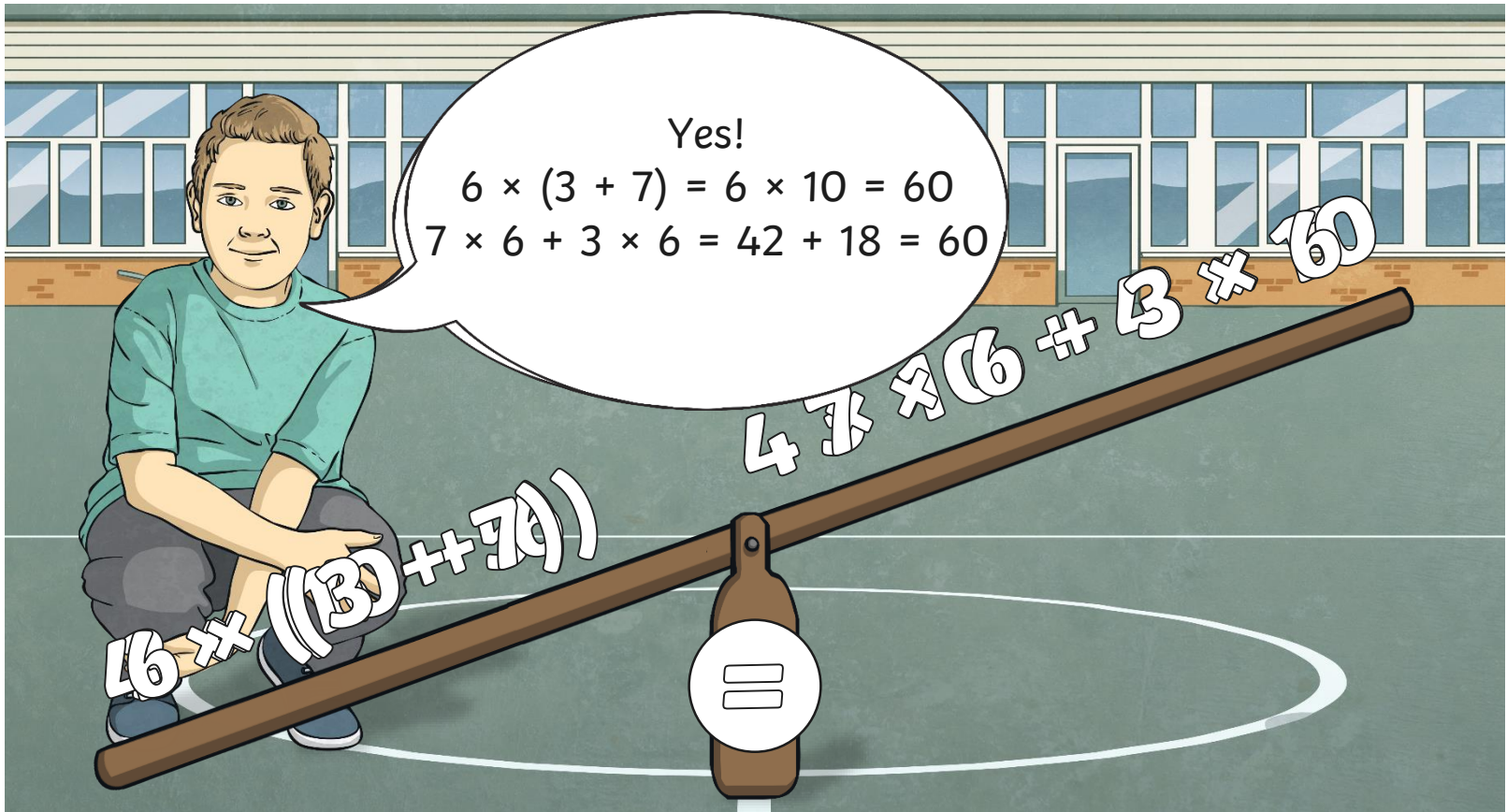
$$(3 \times 4) + (3 \times 5)$$

~~X X X~~
We don't have to use the
multiplication sign when the
letters are next to each other, it
means that we multiply them
together, e.g. ab means $a \times b$.

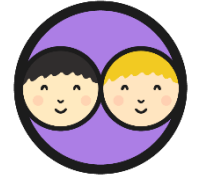
Make It Balance



Are these equations correct?
Would the see-saws balance?



Banish the Brackets



Can you write an equivalent calculation to make these equations correct?

a) $3 \times (3 + 6) = 3 \times 3 + 3 \times 6$

b) $2 \times (12 + 3) = 2 \times 12 + 2 \times 3$

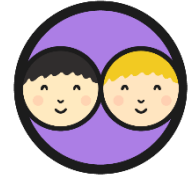
c) $4 \times (4 + 11) = 4 \times 4 + 4 \times 11$

d) $6 \times (2 + 3) = 6 \times 2 + 6 \times 3$

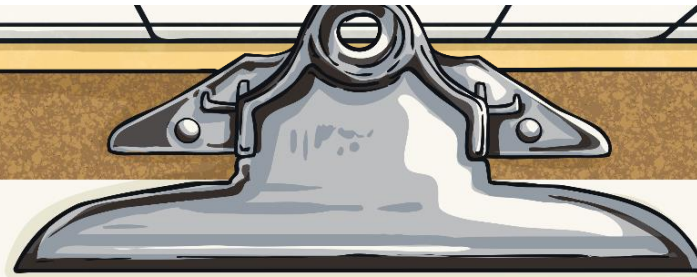
e) ~~$7 \times (6 + 3) = 7 \times 6 + 3 \times 7$~~

REMEMBER
Multiply the number outside the brackets by each of the numbers inside the brackets. Then, add them together.

Subtraction



Does the distributive law work if the calculation in the brackets involves subtraction instead of addition?



Use these calculations to test your prediction.

a) $3 \times (4 + 2)$ does work. $3 \times ?$

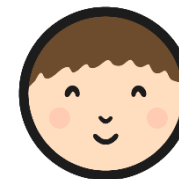
b) $2 \times (6 - 3) = 2 \times 6 - 2 \times ?$

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TOP TIP

To investigate this, multiply the number outside the brackets by each of the numbers inside the brackets. Then, subtract them.

Distributive Dilemma



Use your marvellous maths skill to complete these activities:

★★★ Distributive Dilemma

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1) Write out the equivalent calculation and then find the answer. The first one is completed as an example.

Calculation (with brackets)	Equivalent Calculation (without brackets)
$4 \times (6 + 2)$	$4 \times 6 + 4 \times 2$
$12 \times (3 + 5)$	
$9 \times (9 - 2)$	
$8 \times (7 + 7)$	
	$7 \times 9 + 7 \times 3$
$8 \times (8 - 2)$	
$4 \times (12 - 2)$	
$9 \times (7 + 4)$	
	$3 \times 12 - 3 \times 12$
$4 \times (45 - 0)$	
	$12 \times 14 + 12 \times 2$

2) Write a calculation to go with each of these problems.

a) Eric has 16 packets of biscuits, each containing 8 biscuits. How many biscuits does he have in total?

b) Liu gets 17 pieces of ribbon, each one is 6cm long. How long is the ribbon if they lay them end-to-end?

c) Khalil and Corina have 24 packets of 6 sweets. Khalil is greedy and eats 6 of the packets before they are left for them to share now?

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$5 \times (7 + 7)$	
$7 \times (6 + 3)$	
$8 \times (9 - 2)$	
$4 \times (4 - 2)$	
$9 \times (7 + 1)$	
	$3 \times 12 - 3 \times 7$
$4 \times (20 - 0)$	
$12 \times (4 + 2)$	

2) Write a calculation to go with each of these problems.

a) Eric has 4 packets of biscuits, each containing 9 biscuits. How many biscuits does he have in total?

b) Liu gets 5 pieces of ribbon, each one is 6cm long. How long is the ribbon if they lay them down end-to-end?

c) Khalil and Corina have 12 packets of 3 sweets. Khalil is greedy and eats 5 of the packets before they are left for them to share now?

★ Distributive Dilemma

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You will need a set of **Distributive Law Cards**.

Match up the calculation with brackets, calculation without brackets, array and answer.

Check your answers with a partner.

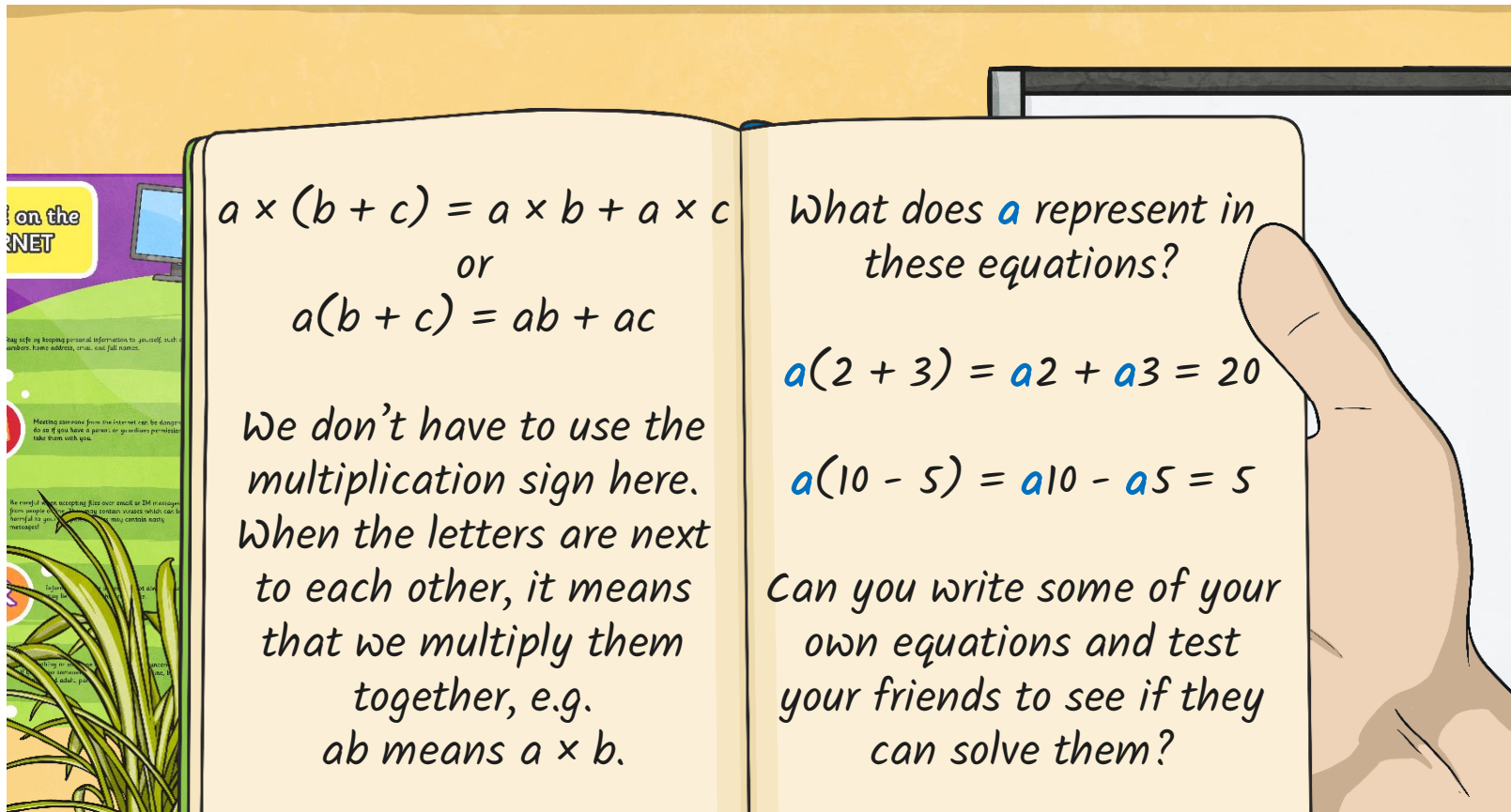
Write them in this table.

Calculation (with brackets)	Equivalent Calculation (without brackets)	Array	Answer
$4 \times (6 + 2)$	$4 \times 6 + 4 \times 2$		32

Algebra



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