

Order of Operations (BIDMAS)

Practice worksheet · KS3 · Years 7 to 9

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Work down the ladder: brackets, then indices (powers), then divide and multiply (equal priority – left to right), then add and subtract (also left to right). Write one step per line. No calculator needed.

1. $2 + 3 \times 4$

2. $5 + 4 \times 2$

3. $20 - 12 \div 4$

4. $7 \times 3 - 5$

5. $(4 + 2) \times 5$

6. $18 \div (5 + 1)$

7. $3 \times (10 - 6)$

8. $2 + 3^2$

9. 2×3^2

10. $(2 + 3)^2$

11. $10 - 4 + 2$

12. $12 \div 4 \times 3$

13. $20 - 12 \div 4 + 3^2$

14. $6 \times (10 - 7) + 2^2$

15. A drink is £2 and a burger is £4. Write and work out the total for 1 drink and 3 burgers: $2 + 3 \times 4$

16. Each party bag has 4 sweets and 2 chocolates. Write and work out the total treats in 5 bags: $(4 + 2) \times 5$

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Answers

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1. multiply first: $2 + 12 = 14$

2. multiply first: $5 + 8 = 13$

3. divide first: $20 - 3 = 17$

4. multiply first: $21 - 5 = 16$

5. brackets first: $6 \times 5 = 30$

6. brackets first: $18 \div 6 = 3$

7. brackets first: $3 \times 4 = 12$

8. indices first: $2 + 9 = 11$

9. indices first: $2 \times 9 = 18$

10. brackets first: $5^2 = 25$

11. left to right: $6 + 2 = 8$

12. left to right: $3 \times 3 = 9$

13. $3^2=9$, $\div$ first: $20 - 3 + 9 = 26$

14. brackets, index: $6 \times 3 + 4 = 22$

15. multiply first: $2 + 12 = 14$

16. brackets first: $6 \times 5 = 30$