

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.

1. $(y^5)^2$

2. $(n^7)^4$

3. $(x^2)^5(x^3)$

4. $-3(ab^4)^3$

5. $(-3ab^4)^3$

6. $(4x^2b)^3$

7. $(4a^2)^2(b^3)$

8. $(4x)^2(b^3)$

9. $(x^2y^4)^5$

10. $(2a^3b^2)(b^3)^2$

11. $(-4xy)^3(-2x^2)^3$

12. $(-3j^2k^3)^2(2j^2k)^3$

13. $(25a^2b)^3\left(\frac{1}{5}abc\right)^2$

14. $(2xy)^2(-3x^2)(4y^4)$

15. $(2x^3y^2z^2)^3(x^2z)^4$

16. $(-2n^6y^5)(-6n^3y^2)(ny)^3$

17. $(-3a^3n^4)(-3a^3n)^4$

18. $-3(2x)^4(4x^5y)^2$