

Power Order

Evaluate expressions by replacing variables and following the order of operations.

GRADE 7 • 7.PFA.2.d

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REPLACE, THEN SOLVE

First replace each variable with its given value, using parentheses around a negative value. Then evaluate grouping symbols, exponents and square roots, multiplication and division, and addition and subtraction from left to right. Absolute value is the distance from zero, so its value is never negative.

WORKED EXAMPLE

Evaluate $6a^2 + \sqrt{121}$ when $a = 7$.

1. Replace a: $6(7)^2 + \sqrt{121}$
2. Evaluate the power and root: $6(49) + 11$
3. Multiply and add: $294 + 11 = 305$

Answer: 305

PRACTICE 6 problems

1 Evaluate $8x - 13$ when $x = -5/3$.

ANSWER _____

2 Evaluate $|y + 14| / 15$ when $y = -23$.

ANSWER _____

3 Evaluate $[16 - 9m]$ when $m = -4/5$.

ANSWER _____

4 Evaluate $n^3 + 10$ when $n = -4$.

ANSWER _____

5 Evaluate $17 - p^4$ when $p = -3$.

ANSWER _____

6 Evaluate $\sqrt{144} + |q - 19|$ when $q = 27$.

ANSWER _____

APPLY IT Show your work

- 1** An esports club uses the score formula $S = 3w^3 - 28$, where w is the number of bonus rounds a player completes. What score does a player earn when $w = 4$?

WORK SPACE

ANSWER _____

- 2** A sneaker design contest uses the rating formula $R = |5d - 41| + \sqrt{169}$, where d is the number of design votes. What is the rating when $d = 9$?

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CHALLENGE One step up

CHALLENGE

Evaluate $[a^3 - |b|] / c + \sqrt{225}$ when $a = -3$, $b = -8$, and $c = 5$.

PART 1 • PRACTICE

#	PROBLEM	ANSWER
1	Evaluate $8x - 13$ when $x = -5/3$.	-79/3
2	Evaluate $ y + 14 / 15$ when $y = -23$.	3/5
3	Evaluate $[16 - 9m]$ when $m = -4/5$.	116/5
4	Evaluate $n^3 + 10$ when $n = -4$.	-54
5	Evaluate $17 - p^4$ when $p = -3$.	-64
6	Evaluate $\sqrt{144} + q - 19 $ when $q = 27$.	20

PART 2 • APPLY IT

1. **164** Substitute 4 for w : $S = 3(4)^3 - 28$. Then $3(64) - 28 = 164$.
2. **17** Substitute 9 for d : $R = |5(9) - 41| + \sqrt{169}$. The value is $|4| + 13$, which equals 17.

CHALLENGE

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Accept equivalent values, including unsimplified fractions that equal the listed answer. Check that students use parentheses when replacing a variable with a negative number and follow the order of operations.