

## Identifying and Combining 'Like' Terms

AB-SP 1

**Instructions:** For each problem, if the pair of terms shown are 'Like' Terms, then combine them into a single term in the space provided. Otherwise, write "not like" if the terms can't be combined.

1  $4x$  and  $6x$  10x

2  $5x$  and  $5y$  not like

3  $2y^2$  and  $2y^2$  \_\_\_\_\_

4  $x^2$  and  $x^2$  \_\_\_\_\_

5  $b^2$  and  $2b^3$  \_\_\_\_\_

6  $4x^2$  and  $-x^2$  \_\_\_\_\_

7  $xy^2$  and  $yx^2$  \_\_\_\_\_

8  $-x^2$  and  $-x^2$  \_\_\_\_\_

9  $-5b^2$  and  $-b^2$  \_\_\_\_\_

10  $4x^2$  and  $-4x^2$  \_\_\_\_\_

11  $3ab^2$  and  $4ab^2$  \_\_\_\_\_

12  $4a^2$  and  $-a^4$  \_\_\_\_\_

13  $-a^4$  and  $2y^4$  \_\_\_\_\_

14  $10x^2$  and  $-7x^2$  \_\_\_\_\_

15  $8y$  and  $8y$  \_\_\_\_\_

16  $4x^2$  and  $-x^2$  \_\_\_\_\_

17  $-xy$  and  $-2yx$  \_\_\_\_\_

18  $\frac{1}{2}x$  and  $\frac{1}{2}x$  \_\_\_\_\_

19  $6c^2$  and  $2c^2$  \_\_\_\_\_

20  $-x$  and  $-10x$  \_\_\_\_\_

21  $4y^5$  and  $xy^4$  \_\_\_\_\_

22  $\frac{1}{3}x$  and  $\frac{1}{3}x$  \_\_\_\_\_

## Simplifying Basic Polynomials - Set 1

AB-SP 2

**Instructions:** Simplify each polynomial below by combining 'like' terms. Do your best to arrange the terms of the simplified polynomial in order from highest to lowest degree.

1  $5x + 10 - 2x + 5$

$3x + 15$

2  $12x + 10 - 2x - 8$

3  $3x^2 - 4 - 2x^2 + 5$

4  $5x + 4y + 7x + y$

5  $3b + 2b + b + 2$

6  $-3b - 2b - b - 2$

7  $-y + 7 + y + 3$

8  $3x + 4x^2 - 5x^2 + 1 + 15$

9  $-x^3 + x^3 + x + 4$

10  $-2x^3 + 4x^2 + 9 + x^2$

11  $3y^2 - y^2 - 2x^2 + x$

12  $-3ab + 5a + 7ab + 2b$

## Simplifying Basic Polynomials - Set 2

AB-SP 3

**Instructions:** Simplify each polynomial below by combining 'like' terms. Do your best to arrange the terms of the simplified polynomial in order from highest to lowest degree.

1  $3a + b - 4b + 5a$

$8a - 3b$

2  $x + 10x + 2y - 8$

3  $10x^2 - 4 - 2x^2 + x^2$

4  $3b + a - b + 2a$

5  $6y^3 - y^3 - 2x^2 + x^2$

6  $-2y + 2 + 3y + 1$

7  $1 + 3x + 4x^2 - 5x + 8$

8  $12x + 3y + 6x + y$

9  $-4a^3 + 1 + a^3 + 7a^2$

10  $-2 + 35b - 8b - 2b$

11  $-2b + 3ab + a + 9ab$

12  $-x^3 + 2x + 2x^3 - x + x^2$

## Simplifying Longer Polynomials

AB-SP 4

**Instructions:** Simplify each polynomial below by combining 'like' terms. Do your best to arrange the terms of the simplified polynomial in order from highest to lowest degree.

1  $5x + 7 - 3x^3 + 5 - x^3$

$-4x^3 + 5x + 12$

2  $8x^2 + 20 - 2x^2 - 4$

3  $15 + 3y - y + 5y - 1$

4  $-5x + 4y + 7y - 8 + 2x$

5  $x + 2x^4 + 9x - 10x^4$

6  $-3a - 2ab - a + 2abc$

7  $24 + b^2 - y + 7b^2 + 2y + 4$

8  $3xy + 6 + 4x^5 - 5xy + 9$

9  $x^2 + x^3 - x^4 + x - x^3 + x^4$

10  $-2x^3 + 8x^3 + 9x^3 - x^3$

11  $6a^3 - b^2 - 2a^3 + 2c - 2b^2$

12  $x^2y + 4xy + 5yx + 2y^2x$

## Simplifying Realy Long Polynomials (optional)

AB-SP 5

**Instructions:** Simplify each polynomial below by combining 'like' terms. Do your best to arrange the terms of the simplified polynomial in order from highest to lowest degree.

1  $x^2 + 5y - 5 + 8x^3 + 4 + 7y - 4x^2 + 10 - 4x^2$

$$8x^3 - 7x^2 + 12y + 9$$

2  $8x - 7x^3 + 14 + 7x - x^2 - 6 - x^3 + 4x^2$

3  $10c + b + 7a - 5c - a + 5b + 4b + 8a - 6c$

4  $28 + x^2 + 7y^2 - 2xy + 3x^2 + 4 + 10xy - 6y^2$

5  $a + a^2 + 4a^2 - 5a - a^2 + 9a + 8a^2 - a$

6  $20 + 12x^2 - 5 - 10x + 4x^2 + 8x^3 + x - 7x^3$