# **Properties of Addition**

**Commutative Property:** You can add it any order

**Algebra:** 
$$a + b = b + a$$

Ex: 
$$3 + 2 = 2 + 3$$
  
 $5 = 5$ 

Associative Property: When adding, it does not matter which order you group.

**Algebra:** 
$$(a + b) + c = a + (b + c)$$

Ex: 
$$(2+3)+4=2+(3+4)$$
  
 $5+4=2+7$   
 $9=9$ 

**Identity Property:** If you add 0 to any number, you get the original number

Algebra: 
$$a + 0 = a$$

Ex: 
$$3 + 0 = 3$$

**Inverse Property:** If you add any number and its opposite you get 0

**Algebra:** 
$$a + (-a) = 0$$

Ex: 
$$3 + (-3) = 0$$

Identify the property being illustrated.

**Ex:** 
$$(7) + (-7) = 0$$

**Ex:** 
$$-12 + 0 = -12$$

**Ex:** 
$$4 + 8 = 8 + 4$$

# **Properties of Multiplication**

### **Commutative Property:** You can multiply in any order

**Algebra:** 
$$a \cdot b = b \cdot a$$
 **Ex:**  $3 \cdot 2 = 2 \cdot 3$   $6 = 6$ 

### Associative Property: When multiplying it does not matter what order you group

**Algebra:** 
$$(a \cdot b) \cdot c = a \cdot (b \cdot c)$$
 **Ex:**  $(2 \cdot 3) \cdot 4 = 2 \cdot (3 \cdot 4)$   $6 \cdot 4 = 2 \cdot 12$   $24 = 24$ 

**Algebra:** 
$$a \cdot 1 = a$$
 **Ex:**  $3 \cdot 1 = 3$ 

**Algebra:** 
$$a \cdot 0 = 0$$
 **Ex:**  $3 \cdot 0 = 0$ 

### <u>Property of -1</u>: Any number times -1 is its opposite

**Algebra:** 
$$a \cdot (-1) = -a$$
 **Ex:**  $3 \cdot (-1) = -3$ 

#### Identify the property being illustrated.

Property of zero

Ex: 
$$-1.8 = -8$$
 Ex:  $12.x = x.12$  Ex:  $(y.9).4 = y.(9.4)$  Property of  $-1$  Commutative Associative

**Ex:** 
$$0.41 = 0$$
 **Ex:**  $-5(-6) = (-6)(-5)$  **Ex:**  $-13(-1) = 13$ 

Commutative

Property of −1