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Soon we'll run into expressions in which we cannot simplify what's in the parenthesis. For example, simplify $5(x + 6)$:

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What is an algebraic expression?

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(1.) $2(7 + 3)$

$$a =$$

$$b =$$

$$c =$$

(2.) $-6(1 + 3)$

$$a =$$

$$b =$$

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(1.) $-4(5 - 3)$

$$a =$$

$$b =$$

$$c =$$

(2.) $(1 - 5)(-12)$

$$a =$$

$$b =$$

$$c =$$

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(1.) $4x(2 - 9y)$

$$a =$$

$$b =$$

$$c =$$

(2.) $x(x - 5 + y)$

$$a =$$

$$b =$$

$$c =$$