

6-7 Equivalent Expressions

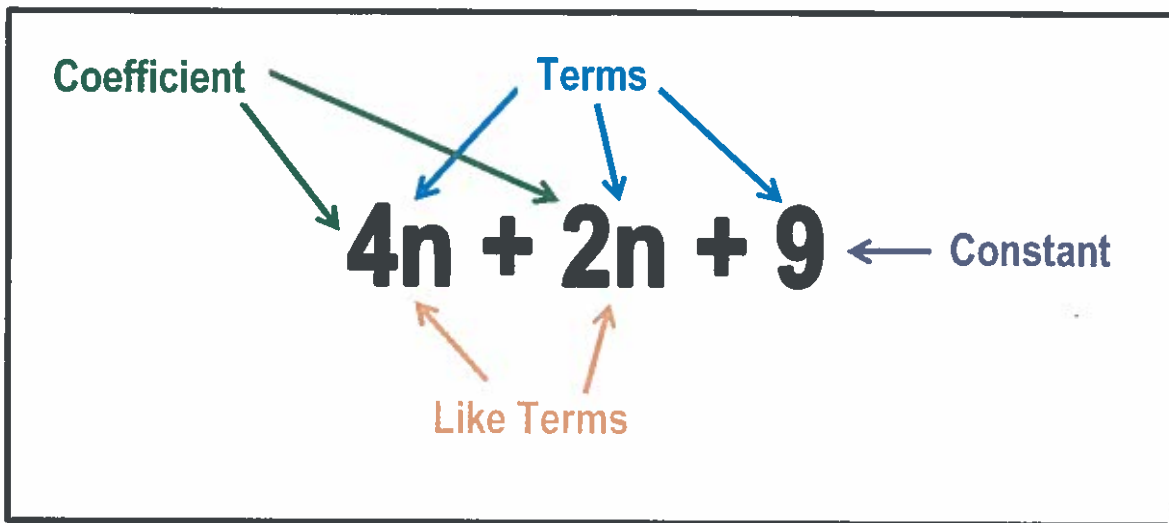
Vocab:

Term – each part of an algebraic expression separated by a plus or minus

Coefficient – the numerical factor of a term that contains a variable

Constant – a term without a variable

Like terms – terms that contain the same variable(s) to the same power



How to simplify expressions:

- 1) Distribute if necessary
- 2) Combine like terms (by adding or multiplying)
- 3) Rewrite your new expression with the like terms combined

Examples:

$$46x + 21 + 14$$

$$6x + \underline{21 + 14}$$

$$6x + 35$$

$$\underline{3x} + 2 + \underline{11x}$$

$$14x + 2$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 11 \\ + 3 \\ \hline 14 \end{array}$$