

# Reteaching 5-6

Complex Numbers

**OBJECTIVE:** Adding, subtracting, and multiplying complex numbers**MATERIALS:** None

- A *complex number* consists of a real part and an imaginary part. It is written in the form  $a + bi$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are real numbers.
- When adding or subtracting complex numbers, you combine the real parts and then combine the imaginary parts.
- When multiplying complex numbers, use the Distributive Property.
- $i^2 = (\sqrt{-1})(\sqrt{-1}) = -1$  and  $i = \sqrt{-1}$

## Examples

Simplify  $(3 - i) + (2 + 3i)$ .

$$(3 - i) + (2 + 3i)$$

$$= \textcircled{3} - \boxed{i} + \textcircled{2} + \boxed{3i}$$

← Circle real parts. Put a square around imaginary parts.

$$= (3 + 2) + (-1 + 3)i$$

← Combine.

$$= 5 + 2i$$

Simplify  $(3 + 4i)(5 + 2i)$ .

$$(3 + 4i)(5 + 2i)$$

$$= 3(5) + 3(2i) + 4i(5) + 4i(2i)$$

← Use the Distributive Property.

$$= 15 + 6i + 20i + 8i^2$$

← Combine real parts and imaginary parts.

$$= 15 + 26i + 8(-1)$$

← Substitute  $i^2 = -1$ .

$$= 7 + 26i$$

## Exercises

Simplify each expression.

1.  $2i + (-4 - 2i)$

2.  $5i \cdot 12i$

3.  $(2 + i)(2 - i)$

4.  $(3 + i)(2 + i)$

5.  $(4 + 3i)(1 + 2i)$

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

7.  $(6i)(-4i)$

8.  $3i(4 - i)$

9.  $3 - (-2 + 3i) + (-5 + i)$

10.  $4i(6 - 2i)$

11.  $2i + (3i)^2$

12.  $(5 + 6i) + (-2 + 4i)$

13.  $-14i(-4)$

14.  $3i\sqrt{-6}$

15.  $9(11 + 5i)$