## Understanding Equality

## Quick Review

> Each of these scales is balanced.
The expression in one pan is equal to the expression in the other pan.


$$
\begin{aligned}
& 48 \div 8=6 \text { and } \\
& 2 \times 3=6 \\
& \text { So, } 48 \div 8=2 \times 3 \\
& 56+30=86 \text { and } \\
& 100-14=86 \\
& \text { So, } 56+30=100-14
\end{aligned}
$$

- When we add 2 numbers, their order does not affect the sum.

This is called the commutative property of addition.
$7+5=5+7$
$a+b=b+a$

- When we multiply 2 numbers, their order does not affect the product.

This is called the commutative property of multiplication.
$6 \times 3=3 \times 6$
$a \times b=b \times a$

## Try These

1. Rewrite each expression using a commutative property.
a) $9+6$
b) $7 \times 4$ $\qquad$
c) $751+242$
d) $27 \times 8$
2. Are these scales balanced? How do you know?


## Practice

1. Work with a partner.

Write an expression in one pan of a balance scale.
Your partner writes a different expression to balance the scale.
Continue with each balance scale. Switch roles at each turn.
a)

b)

c)

d)

2. Draw a line to join pairs of expressions that balance.
a)

| Expressions |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| $8 \times 9$ | $2 \times 53$ |
| $522 \div 9$ | $24+76$ |
| $75+31$ | $314-242$ |
| $10 \times 10$ | $29 \times 2$ |

b)

| Expressions |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| $764-320$ | $4000-48$ |
| $76 \times 52$ | $18 \div 3$ |
| $36 \div 6$ | $5 \times 25$ |
| $52+73$ | $4 \times 111$ |

## Stretch Your Thinking

Write 3 equal expressions for each expression below.
a) $57+46-31$
b) $45 \times 2+17$
c) $425 \div 5+36$
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## Keeping Equations Balanced

LESSON

## Quick Review

- We can model this equation with counters: $3+3=4+2$


Multiply each side by 2 .
$6 \times 2=6 \times 2$


When each side of an equation is changed in the same way, the values remain equal. This is called the preservation of equality.
> Suppose we know $8=4 \mathrm{~m}$.
We can model this equation with paper strips.


To preserve the equality, we can subtract the same number from each side.
$8-2=4 m-2$


So, $8-2=4 m-2$ is an equivalent form of $8=4 m$.

## Try These

1. Model each equation with counters.

Use counters to model the preservation of equality. Record your work.
a) $3+2=1+4$
b) $18 \div 3=3 \times 2$

## Practice

1. Use addition to preserve the equality of each equation.
a)

b)

2. Use subtraction to preserve the equality of each equation in question 1.
a) $\qquad$
b)
$\qquad$
3. a) Write an equation for each diagram.
i) $\quad 2$

| $n$ | $n$ | $n$ | $n$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

ii)

| 4 |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| $y$ $y$ |  |

b) Use multiplication to preserve the equality of each equation. Record your work.
i)
ii) $\qquad$

## Stretch Your Thinking

Apply the preservation of equality.Write an equivalent form of the equation. Use a different operation for each part.
a) $5 y=20$
b) $20 \div 5=8-4$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
c) $8 \times 6=12 \times 4$
d) $5+19=6 s$
$\qquad$

