

Order of Operations Activity

Try and answer the questions below on your own.

1) If addition is repeated counting, what is multiplication?

2) Then what are exponents?

3) How are addition and subtraction related?

4) How are multiplication and division related?

Now ask for a brief lesson about the Order of Operations.

Now that you have had the lesson, answer the following.

1) State the four order of operation steps in order.

2) A few of the steps you wrote have two operations in them. Explain how to deal with this: which goes first, does it matter, etc.

3) Why are the order of operations the way that they are; why should the order make logical sense/