# **Skills Readiness**

# Multiply and Divide Monomials

Multiplying Monomials	Dividing Monomials
Step 1: Multiply the coefficients. If a variable does not have a coefficient, it is understood to be 1.	<b>Step 1:</b> If the expression contains numbers in the numerator and the denominator, simplify the numbers by reducing if possible.
Step 2: Add the exponents of those variables that are the same. If a variable does not have an expressed exponent, it is understood to be 1.	<b>Step 2:</b> Subtract the exponents of those variables that are the same. If the exponent in the numerator is larger, then the difference between the exponents stays in the numerator. Likewise, if the exponent in the denominator is larger, then the difference between the exponents stays in the denominator.
Exponents Rule: $x^a \cdot x^b = x^{a+b}$	Exponents Rule: $\frac{x^a}{x^b} = x^{a-b}$
Example 1: $6a^3b \cdot 7a^2b^2$ = $(6)(7)a^{3+2}b^{1+2} = 42a^5b^3$	Example 2: $\frac{15m^4n^2}{9m^2n^3} = \frac{5m^{4-2}}{3n^{3-2}} = \frac{5m^2}{3n}$

#### **Practice on Your Own** Multiply or divide.

1. 
$$5mn^2 \cdot 2m^3$$

**2.** 
$$\frac{36x^4y}{9x^2}$$

**3.** 
$$-40a^3 \cdot \frac{1}{2}ab$$
 **4.**  $\frac{20t^2}{8t^5}$ 

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5. 
$$\frac{-2f^4g^3}{6f^2g^3}$$

**6.** 
$$p^2 q r^3 \cdot (-3pq)$$
 **7.**  $-uv \cdot (-u^3)$ 

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$$8. \ \frac{-12c^5d^2}{-3c^3d^7}$$

$$10. \ \frac{-5tuv^2}{5tuv^2}$$

**11.** 
$$-10xyz \cdot (-y^2z)$$
 **12.**  $\frac{-2w^5z}{18w^4}$ 

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### Check

## Multiply or divide.

**13.** 
$$7s \cdot 5s^3t$$

**14.** 
$$\frac{-3x^2y^4}{15xy^5}$$

**15.** 
$$8bc \cdot (-b^3c^3)$$

$$16. \ \frac{45p^3q^4r}{9p^2qr}$$

17. 
$$\frac{-100m^3n^3}{60m^2n^2}$$

**18.** 
$$-9uw \cdot (-4u^2w^3)$$
 **19.**  $-\frac{1}{3}x^6y \cdot 30x^2y$ 

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$$20. \ \frac{56f^4g^2}{8f^5g^2}$$