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#### EXAMPLES

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Learning tip: Understanding comes from doing! Don't just watch the examples being solved, actively work through them yourself.

### EXAMPLE 1: 3 X (2 + 4)<sup>2</sup>

- Following PEMDAS, we first solve what's inside the parentheses: (2 + 4) = 6
- Now we have: 3 x 6 ^ 2
- Next, we tackle the exponent: 6 ^ 2 = 36
- Finally, we perform the multiplication: 3 x 36 = 108
- The correct answer is 108.

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### EXAMPLE 2: 81 / [(5 X 2) - 1]

- PEMDAS tells us to start with the inner most grouping symbol.
- We solve the multiplication inside the parentheses first:  $5 \times 2 = 1$
- Then, we subtract 1 from 10 to get 9
- Finally, we divide 81 by 9 to get 9

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#### EXAMPLE 3: 10 + (4 + 2) ÷ 3

- First, do what is inside the parentheses: We add four and two to get 6.
- Then, Perform the division: 6/3 = 2
- Finally, we add 10 and 2 to get 12.

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#### **REVIEW QUESTIONS**

- Explain PEMDAS?
- When an expression has multiplication or division what operations are completed first?
- When an expression has addition or subtraction what operation are completed first?
- When there are grouping symbols inside of grouping symbols (like parentheses within brackets), where do you start?

Learning tip: Answer the questions before checking the answers.

