

Spot the mistake: brackets

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1. $2 + 2 \times (7 - 2)$ = 26 T F

2. $4 \times (7 + 10) + 7$ = 75 T F

3. $9 \times 10 \times (9 - 7)$ = 803 T F

4. $2 \times (10 - 8) + 4$ = 8 T F

5. $10 \times 6 - (10 + 2)$ = 48 T F

6. $5 \times (2 + 2) - 5$ = 7 T F

7. $6 + 5 \times (4 + 9)$ = 53 T F

8. $2 \times (9 - 2) + 4$ = 18 T F

9. $3 + 8 \times (9 - 2)$ = 97 T F

10. $3 \times 4 \times (10 + 10)$ = 240 T F

Answer key: Spot the mistake: brackets

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| 1. | $2 + 2 \times (7 - 2)$ | $= 26$ | T | ☒ F | 12 |
| 2. | $4 \times (7 + 10) + 7$ | $= 75$ | ☒ T | F | |
| 3. | $9 \times 10 \times (9 - 7)$ | $= 803$ | T | ☒ F | 180 |
| 4. | $2 \times (10 - 8) + 4$ | $= 8$ | ☒ T | F | |
| 5. | $10 \times 6 - (10 + 2)$ | $= 48$ | ☒ T | F | |
| 6. | $5 \times (2 + 2) - 5$ | $= 7$ | T | ☒ F | 15 |
| 7. | $6 + 5 \times (4 + 9)$ | $= 53$ | T | ☒ F | 71 |
| 8. | $2 \times (9 - 2) + 4$ | $= 18$ | ☒ T | F | |
| 9. | $3 + 8 \times (9 - 2)$ | $= 97$ | T | ☒ F | 59 |
| 10. | $3 \times 4 \times (10 + 10)$ | $= 240$ | ☒ T | F | |