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Learning Goal 5.1	I can identify characteristics of polynomials and simplify polynomials by collecting like terms.
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Using algebra tiles, find four **different ways** to represent the following expressions (draw or use actual tiles – your choice). Call me over to check your work before moving on to the next example.

$$2x^2 + 3x - 1$$

*empty - +ve
filled - -ve.*

1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	

Your Turn!

<p>1. $x^2 + x + 3$</p>	<p>2. $-x^2 - 2x + 1$</p>	<p>3. $2x^2 - x + 5$</p>
<p>4. $-3x^2 + x + 2$</p>	<p>5. $-x^2 + 2x - 4$</p>	<p>6. $-2x^2 + 2x - 2$</p>

Now without tiles, simplify each expression by collecting like terms.

$$1. \underline{x} + \underline{2x} + \underline{5x} = 8x$$

$$2. \underline{1x^2} + \underline{5x^2} - \underline{3x^2} = 3x^2$$

$$3. \underline{3x} + \underline{4} - \underline{2x} - \underline{1} + \underline{5x}$$

$$= \underline{3x - 2x + 5x} + \underline{4 - 1}$$

$$= 6x + 3$$

$$4. \underline{9x^2} - \underline{4x} + \underline{x^2} + \underline{5x} + \underline{3x} - \underline{x^2}$$

$$= 9x^2 + x^2 - x^2 - 4x + 5x + 3x$$

$$= 9x^2 + 4x$$

$$5. \underline{4y} + \underline{9x} - \underline{5y} - \underline{4x} - \underline{7y}$$

$$= \underline{9x - 4x} + \underline{4y - 5y - 7y}$$

$$= 5x - 8y$$

$$6. \underline{x^2} + \underline{y^2} - \underline{5x^2} + \underline{6y^2} + \underline{3x^2}$$

$$= \underline{x^2 - 5x^2 + 3x^2} + \underline{y^2 + 6y^2}$$

$$= -x^2 + 7y^2$$

$$7. \underline{9} - \underline{4x} + \underline{x^2} + \underline{3x} - \underline{8}$$

$$= \underline{x^2 - 4x + 3x} + \underline{9 - 8}$$

$$= x^2 - x + 1$$

$$8. \underline{-5x} + \underline{7} - \underline{3x^2} + \underline{7x^2} - \underline{4} + \underline{3x}$$

$$= \underline{-3x^2 + 7x^2} - \underline{5x + 3x} + \underline{7 - 4}$$

$$= 4x^2 - 2x + 3$$

$$9. \underline{3x^2} - \underline{y^2} + \underline{3z^2} + \underline{4y^2} - \underline{5x^2} + \underline{z^2}$$

$$= \underline{3x^2 - 5x^2} - \underline{y^2 + 4y^2} + \underline{3z^2 + z^2}$$

$$= -2x^2 + 3y^2 + 4z^2$$

$$10. \underline{5a} + \underline{4b} + \underline{3c} - \underline{11b} + \underline{12a} - \underline{13c} + \underline{2b}$$

$$= \underline{5a + 12a} + \underline{4b - 11b + 2b} + \underline{3c - 13c}$$

$$= 17a - 5b - 10c$$

$$11. \underline{4m} - \underline{4n^2} + \underline{7p^3} - \underline{3m^2} + \underline{7n} - \underline{2p^2}$$

$$12. \underline{4xy} - \underline{y^2} - \underline{3x^2} + \underline{2xy} - \underline{x} - \underline{3y^2}$$

$$= -3x^2 - y^2 - 3y^2 + 4xy + 2xy - x$$

$$= -3x^2 - 4y^2 + 6xy - x$$

Like Terms

Terms whose variables, or combinations of variables are the same.