

Deductive Reasoning Worksheet

Name: _____

Statements that we know are true:

Any integer multiplied by 2 is an even number.

- This means that $2x$ or $2(\text{any combination of variables and coefficients})$ will **always** be even.

If you add 1 to any even integer you will get an odd number.

- This means that $2x + 1$ or $2(\text{any combination of variables and coefficients}) + 1$ will **always** be odd.

Consecutive Numbers follow each other in numerical order

- This means that $x, x + 1, x + 2, x + 3$ are 4 numbers that come one after the other numerically.
- $2x, 2x + 2, 2x + 4, 2x + 6$ are 4 consecutive even numbers
- $2x + 1, 2x + 3, 2x + 5, 2x + 7$ are 4 consecutive odd numbers

Finishing a Proof:

- If proving an answer is even it should look like this $\rightarrow 2(\text{any combination of variable terms})$
- If proving an answer is odd it should look like this $\rightarrow 2(\text{any combination of variable terms}) + 1$
- If proving an answer is divisible by 3 it should look like this $\rightarrow 3(\text{any combination of variable terms})$
- If proving an answer is divisible by 4 it should look like this $\rightarrow 4(\text{any combination of variable terms})$
- If proving an answer is divisible by 5 it should look like this $\rightarrow 5(\text{any combination of variable terms})$
- etc.....

Important Tips to remember:

- Proving Mathematical Concepts using **Deductive Reasoning** uses **ALGEBRA**
- Remember to square something means to multiply by itself! If there is more than 1 term being squared you **MUST** use the box method (or arrows) to multiply
- Sum = Add
- Difference = Subtract
- Product = Multiply
- Quotient = Divide
- **If the question involves more than one "number" you must use a different letter (variable) for each term!** (use same variable for any consecutive numbers)

For example, to prove something about the sum of 2 odd numbers and an even number it would look like this:

$$(2x + 1) + (2y + 1) + 2z$$

Odd + Odd + Even

Prove the following deductively:

1. Conjecture: The sum of five consecutive integers is always divisible by five.

(Prove the conjecture by manipulating the expression to look like this $5(\dots)$)

$$x + (x + 1) + (x + 2) + (x + 3) + (x + 4)$$

$$x + x + 1 + x + 2$$

$$3x + 3$$

$$3(x + 1)$$

$$= x + x + 1 + x + 2 + x + 3 + x + 4$$

$$= 5x + 10$$

$$= 5(x + 2)$$

2. Prove that the sum of two even numbers and an odd number is always odd.

(Prove the conjecture by manipulating the expression to look like this $2(\dots) + 1$)

$$2x + 2y + (2z + 1)$$

$$= 2x + 2y + 2z + 1$$

$$= 2(x + y + z) + 1$$

3. Prove that the sum of any two odd integers is even.

Let $2x + 1$ be odd int.

" $2y + 1$ be odd int.

$$(2x + 1) + (2y + 1)$$

$$= 2x + 2y + 2$$

$$= 2(x + y + 1)$$

4. Prove that the negative of any even integer is even.

$$-(2x)$$

$$= -2x$$

$$= 2(-x)$$

5. Prove that the difference between an even integer and an odd integer is odd.

$$\begin{aligned} & 2y - 2x + 1 \\ &= 2(y - x) + 1 \end{aligned}$$

6. Prove that the product of an odd integer and an even integer is always even.

$$\begin{aligned} & (2x+1)(2y) \\ &= 4xy + 2y \\ &= 2(2xy + y) \end{aligned}$$

7. Prove that the result of the number trick below is always the number you start with.

- Choose a number	n	5
- Double it	$2n$	10
- Add 6	$2n+6$	16
- Double it again	$4n+12$	32
- Subtract 4	$4n+8$	28
- Divide by 4	$n+2$	7
- Subtract 2	n	5

8. Prove that whenever you square an odd integer, the result is odd.

$$\begin{aligned} & (2x+1)^2 \\ &= (2x+1)(2x+1) \\ &= 4x^2 + 2x + 2x + 1 \\ &= 4x^2 + 4x + 1 \\ &= 2(2x^2 + 2x) + 1 \end{aligned}$$

9. Prove that the sum of three consecutive integers is always a multiple of 3

$$\begin{aligned}x + x + 1 + x + 2 \\&= 3x + 3 \\&= 3(x + 1)\end{aligned}$$

10. Prove that the difference between the square of any odd integer and the integer itself is always an even integer.

$$\begin{aligned}(2x + 1)^2 - (2x + 1) \\&= (2x + 1)(2x + 1) - 2x + 1 \\&= 4x^2 + 2x + 2x + 1 - 2x + 1 \\&= 4x^2 + 2x \\&= 2(2x^2 + x)\end{aligned}$$

11. Write any two digit number. Reverse the order of the digits and subtract it from the first number. (example: $81 - 18$)

a) Investigate this for different starting numbers and make a conjecture

$$\begin{aligned}81 - 18 &= 63 \\31 - 13 &= 18 \\32 - 23 &= 9\end{aligned}$$

The difference of
2 digit # and its reverse
is always ~~add up to be 9~~
multiple of 9.

b) Prove that the difference is always a multiple of 9.

Hint: A two digit number can be written as the sum of the digit in the tens place value, and the digit in the unit place value \rightarrow a number xy is $(10x + y)$ the reverse number yx would be $(10y + x)$

$$\begin{aligned}(10x + y) - (10y + x) \\&= 10x + y - 10y - x \\&= 9x - 9y \\&= 9(x - y)\end{aligned}$$