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We use the distributive property to break apart problems with larger numbers to make them easier to solve.

<b>1.</b> Break one of the factors apart:	4 × 6
2. Multiply:	$4 \times 6 = (4 \times 2) + (4 \times 4)$
3. Add the Products:	4 × 6 = 8 + 16
<b>4.</b> Put a box around the final answer:	4 × 6 = 24
	<ol> <li>Break one of the factors apart:</li> <li>2. Multiply:</li> <li>3. Add the Products:</li> <li>4. Put a box around the final answer:</li> </ol>

**Directions:** Solve the following problems using the distributive property of multiplication. For added fun, choose two colors to use as you show your work!

$8 \times 7$	$12 \times 3$
$8 \times 7 = (4 \times 7) + (4 \times 7)$	$12 \times 3 = (6 \times 3) + (6 \times 3)$
$8 \times 7 = 28 + 28$	$12 \times 3 = 18 + 18$
$8 \times 7 = 56$	$12 \times 3 = 36$
9 × 5 9 × 5 = (4 × 5) + (5 × 5) 9 × 5 = 20 + 25 9 × 5 = 45	$ \begin{array}{r} 14 \times 8 \\ 14 \times 8 = (10 \times 8) + (4 \times 8) \\ 14 \times 8 = 80 + 32 \\ 14 \times 8 = 112 \end{array} $
$15 \times 6$	$7 \times 11$
$15 \times 6 = (5 \times 6) + (10 \times 6)$	7 × 11 = (7 × 5) + (7 × 6)
$15 \times 6 = 30 + 60$	7 × 11 = 35 + 42
$15 \times 6 = 90$	7 × 11 = 77
<b>9</b> × <b>6</b>	$7 \times 9$
9 × 6 = (4 × 6) + (5 × 6)	7 × 9 = (2 × 9) + (5 × 9)
9 × 6 = 24 + 30	7 × 9 = 18 + 45
9 × 6 = 54	7 × 9 = 63
<b>13 × 3</b>	<b>8 × 9</b>
13 × 3 = (5 × 3) + (8 × 3)	8 × 9 = (8 × 4) + (8 × 5)
13 × 3 = 15 + 24	8 × 9 = 32 + 40
13 × 3 = 39	8 × 9 = 72

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