

Lesson 1.12-Objective- SWBAT find the compositions of functions.

Kickoff- Given  $f(x) = 5x + 1$  and  $g(x) = x^2 + x$  find each of the following:

1)  $g(f(-1))$       2)  $f(g(3))$

$f(x) = 5(-1) + 1 = -4$   
 $g(-4) = (-4)^2 + (-4) = 12$

$g(3) = 3^2 + 3 = 12$   
 $f(12) = 5(12) + 1 = 61$

① 11      ④  $4x^2 - 40x + 103$   
 ② 17      ⑤  $x^2 + 6x + 9$   
 ③ 0      ⑥  $3x - 4$

④  $j(a(x))$        $j(x) = x^2 + 3$   
 $a(x) = 2x - 10$

$(2x - 10)^2 + 3$   
 $(2x - 10)(2x - 10) + 3$   
 $4x^2 - 20x + 20x + 100 + 3$   
 $4x^2 - 40x + 103$

Composition of Functions- The application of one function follows that of another.  
 (Applying one function to another)

Notation: Compositions can be shown as  $f(g(x))$  when you have two functions,  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$   
 OR  
 Compositions can be shown as  $(f \circ g)(x)$  \*

However, the most important thing is that you complete the INSIDE or RIGHT function first and then continue to the OUTSIDE or LEFT function.

\*When there is a # start with the right!

Examples: Given  $f(x) = 3x - 2$  and  $g(x) = x^2 - 3$  find each of the following:

1)  $f \circ g(-3)$       2)  $(g \circ f)(2)$

$g(-3) = (-3)^2 - 3 = 6$        $f(2) = 3(2) - 2 = 4$   
 $f(6) = 3(6) - 2 = 16$        $g(4) = (4)^2 - 3 = 13$

3)  $g(f(-4))$       4)  $f(g(6))$

$3(-4) - 2 = -14$        $g(x) = (6)^2 - 3 = 33$   
 $(-14)^2 - 3 = 193$        $\rightarrow f(x) = 3(33) - 2 = 97$

5) If  $f(x) = 3x + 5$  and  $g(x) = x^2 - 2$ , find  $(f \circ g)(-3)$

$g(-3) = (-3)^2 - 2 = 7$   
 $f(7) = 3(7) + 5 = 26$

6) If  $h(x) = x + 7$  and  $j(x) = x^2 - 4$ , find  $h(j(2))$

$(2)^2 - 4 = 0$   
 $h(0) = 0 + 7 = 7$

Letters = Left

However, we can also complete compositions of functions without evaluating. To do this, you substitute the INSIDE or RIGHT function for every time you see x in the OUTSIDE or LEFT function.  
 \*Start with the left!

Examples: Given  $f(x) = 3x - 2$  and  $g(x) = 5x - 3$  find each of the following:

7)  $(f \circ g)(x)$       8)  $g(f(x))$

$3(5x - 3) - 2$        $5(3x - 2) - 3$   
 $15x - 9 - 2$        $15x - 10 - 3$   
 $15x - 11$        $15x - 13$

9) If  $m(x) = 2x^2 + 3$  and  $k(x) = x + 7$ , find  $(k \circ m)(x)$

10) If  $a(x) = 4x - 1$  and  $b(x) = x^2 - 4$ , find  $a(b(x))$

Mixed Practice: \*\*Remember if there is a number inside, substitute the number! Otherwise, substitute the function!!

1) If  $h(x) = x + 7$  and  $j(x) = x^2 - 4$ , find  $h(j(2))$

2) If  $g(x) = 3x$  and  $k(x) = x^2 - 2x$ , find  $(g \circ k)(x)$

3) If  $f(x) = 2x - 1$  and  $h(x) = x^2 + 1$ , find  $(h \circ f)(-4)$

4) If  $f(x) = x^2$  and  $g(x) = 2x - 4$ , find  $(f \circ g)(x)$