

Simplify the following expressions, putting them in standard form. Show at least one intermediate step for each.

**1**  $5(k + 3) - 8k$

To multiply  $k + 3$  by 5, I multiply each term by 5 (which I do by multiplying each coefficient by 5).

$$5(k + 3) - 8k = 5 \cdot 1k + 5 \cdot 3 - 8k = 5k + 15 - 8k.$$

Now I have two  $k$ -terms, so I combine them by adding the coefficients:

$$5k + 15 - 8k = (5 - 8)k + 15 = -3k + 15.$$

**2**  $(3x - 10) - (4x + 6)$

To subtract these polynomials, I first multiply each term in the second polynomial by  $-1$ , then combine like terms:

$$(3x - 10) - (4x + 6) = 3x - 10 - 4x - 6 = (3 - 4)x + (-10 - 6) = -1x + (-16) = -x - 16.$$

**3**  $(y^3 - 2y + 1) - (-3y^3 + y + 5)$

To subtract these polynomials, I again multiply each term in the second polynomial by  $-1$ , then combine like terms:

$$(y^3 - 2y + 1) - (-3y^3 + y + 5) = y^3 - 2y + 1 + 3y^3 - y - 5 = (1 + 3)y^3 + (-2 - 1)y + (1 - 5) = 4y^3 - 3y - 4.$$