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To help me use the Commutative Property of addition and multiplication.

Common numbers or letters and common operation sign.
* Each side of the equation has the same numbers and operation signs.

$$2 \; + \; 3 \; = \; 3 \; + \; 2$$

  * Both sides have the number "2"
  * Both sides have the number "3"
    * Both sides have a "+" sign

Opposite position.
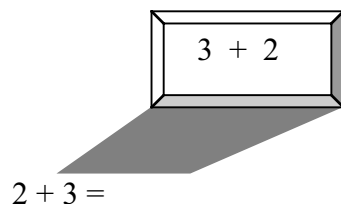* The position of the numbers or letters on one side are in the opposite position on the other side.

$$2 + 3 = 3 + 2$$

* The "2" is the first number on left side but is the second number on the right side.
* The "3" is the second number on left side but is the first number on the right side.

Mirror image.
* The right side of the equation is the mirror image of the left side.

$$3 + 2$$

$$2 + 3 =$$

Addition or multiplication?
* The operation signs are either addition signs (+) or multiplication signs (X).

Same total.
* The total of each side is equal.

$$2 \; + \; 3 \; = \; 3 \; + \; 2$$
$$(= 5) \qquad (= 5)$$