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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.

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

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

\[ 2 + 3 = 3 + 2 \]
\[ (= 5) \quad (= 5) \]