

1. $-5 + 8$

Different: $8 - 5 = 3$, positive

Answer: 3

2. $-6 + (-4)$

Same: add, keep negative

Answer: -10

3. $7 - 12$

$7 + (-12)$: $12 - 7 = 5$, negative

Answer: -5

4. $-3 - 9$

$-3 + (-9)$

Answer: -12

5. $-4 - (-6)$

$-4 + 6$

Answer: 2

6. $(-3)(7)$

Different signs: negative

Answer: -21

7. $(-8)(-4)$

Same signs: positive

Answer: 32

8. $-24 / 6$

Different: negative

Answer: -4

9. $(-2)^3 - (-3)^2$ ★ challenge

$(-2)^3 = -8$

$(-3)^2 = +9$

$-8 - 9$

Answer: -17

10. $(-4 + 10) \times (-2) - (-12) / 4$ ★ challenge

Parentheses: 6 ; $6(-2) = -12$

$-(-12)/4 = +3$

$-12 + 3$

Answer: -9