

**Prealgebra ~ Lesson 13**

Work the following examples as you listen to the recorded lecture.

**Order of Operation**

Review the rules in the Order of Operations House:

**Order of Operations**

Mathematical operations must be completed in the correct order by operation. The rules are simple and easy to remember – just follow the signs in the house, working from top to bottom and left to right:

1. Parentheses - Roof
2. Exponents - Attic
3. Multiplication and Division – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor
4. Addition and Subtraction – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

Each floor of the house must be cleared before you can go down to the next level.  
*Work top to bottom, left to right... just like reading a book!*

**1. Roof**  
**2. Attic**  
**3. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**  
**4. 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**

Example 1:

$$-2^4$$

Example 2:

$$7(-6) + 3$$

Example 3:

$$5 + 9 \cdot 4 - 20$$

Example 4:

$$\frac{20-15}{-1}$$

Example 5:

$$8 + (-4)^2$$

Example 6:

$$|-3 + 7| \cdot 7^2$$

Example 7:

$$(2 - 7)^2 \div (4 - 3)^4$$

Example 8:  $3(-10) \div [5(-3) - 7(-2)]$