

# **SKILL 19: Using Mental Math to Multiply**

You can often find products mentally by using the distributive property.

## Example 1

Multiply:  $2 \times 126$ .

Rewrite 126 as 120 + 6.

$$2 \times 126 = 2 \times (120 + 6)$$
  
=  $(2 \times 120) + (2 \times 6)$   
=  $240 + 12$   
=  $252$ 

## Example 2

Multiply:  $98 \times 63$ .

$$98 \times 63 = 63 \times 98$$
  
=  $63 \times (100 - 2)$   
=  $(63 \times 100) - (63 \times 2)$   
=  $6300 - 126$   
=  $6.174$ 

#### **Guided Practice**

Use the distributive property to complete each multiplication problem.

#### SKILL 19: Practice

Find each product. Use mental math wherever possible.

Solve.

17. Bike helmets cost \$39 each. How much would it cost to buy a helmet for each of the 400 students at the Roscoe Bike School?



18. Claudia has 8 boxes of trading cards. There are 52 cards in each box. How many trading cards does Claudia have?



19. Which can be used to find the product:  $6 \times 498$ ? **20.** Find the product:  $30 \times 16 \times 20$ . Skill 18

**A**  $(6 \times 500) + (6 \times 2)$ 

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**H** 6,000

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**B**  $(6 \times 500) - 2$ 

- **G** 5,460
- **J** 9,600

- **C**  $(6 \times 500) (6 \times 2)$
- **D**  $500 2 \times 6$

40 Whole Numbers