

Answer on Question #53314 – Math – Algebra

Question

Which expression is equivalent to $\frac{2}{3}(x+2) - \frac{1}{3}(x-2)$?

Solution

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{2}{3} \cdot (x + 2) - \frac{1}{3} \cdot (x - 2) &= |open\ brackets| = \frac{2}{3} \cdot x + \frac{2}{3} \cdot 2 - \frac{1}{3} \cdot x + \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) \cdot (-2) = \frac{2}{3}x + \frac{4}{3} - \frac{1}{3}x + \frac{2}{3} \\ &= |collect\ similar\ terms| = \left(\frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{3}\right)x + \left(\frac{4}{3} + \frac{2}{3}\right) = |simplify| = \frac{1}{3}x + \frac{6}{3} = \frac{1}{3}x + 2\end{aligned}$$

Answer: $\frac{1}{3}x + 2$