

Factor by taking out the GCF.

1.  $3x^6 - 12x^3$

$$3x^3(x^3 - 4)$$

2.  $8pq^2 + 8pq + 2p$

$$2p(4q^2 + 4q + 1)$$

$$2p(2q+1)^2$$

Factor by Grouping (four terms)

3.  $2k^3 + 3k^2 + 6k + 9$

$$k^2(2k+3) + 3(2k+3)$$

$$(k^2+3)(2k+3)$$

4.  $3x^3 + 6x^2 - 4x - 8$

$$3x^2(x+2) - 4(x+2)$$

$$(3x^2-4)(x+2)$$

Factor trinomials. Do not use the long way for trinomials in which  $a = 1$ !

5.  $n^2 + 9n + 20$

$$(n+5)(n+4)$$

6.  $x^2 - 6x + 8$

$$(x-4)(x-2)$$

7.  $4x^2 + 22x + 10$

$$2(2x^2 + 11x + 5)$$

$$2(2x+1)(x+5)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 16 \\ \sqrt{144} \\ \underline{93} \\ 34 \end{array}$$

8.  $12x^2 + 7x - 12$

$$12x^2 + 16x - 9x - 12$$

$$4x(3x+4) - 3(3x+4)$$

$$(4x-3)(3x+4)$$

Factor special products.

9.  $x^6 - 9$

$$(x^3-3)(x^3+3)$$

10.  $4r^6 - 25s^6$

$$(2r^3-5s^3)(2r^3+5s^3)$$

11.  $49x^2 - 70x + 25$

$$(7x-5)^2$$

12.  $36x^2 + 24x + 4$

$$(6x+2)^2 \text{ OR}$$

$$4(9x^2 + 6x + 1)$$

$$4(3x+1)^2$$

Solve by factoring

13.  $-10x^2 + 11x = -6$

$$0 = 10x^2 - 11x - 6$$

$$0 = 10x^2 - 15x + 4x - 6$$

$$0 = 5x(2x-3) + 2(2x-3)$$

$$0 = (5x+2)(2x-3)$$

15.  $x^2 - 25 = 0$

$$(x-5)(x+5) = 0$$

$$x=5, x=-5$$

$$x = -2/5 \quad x = 3/2$$

14.  $-4x^2 = -8x - 5$

$$0 = 4x^2 - 8x - 5$$

$$0 = 4x^2 - 10x + 2x - 5$$

$$0 = 2(2x-5) + 1(2x-5)$$

$$0 = (2x+1)(2x-5)$$

$$x = -1/2 \quad x = 5/2$$

16.  $x^2 + 6x + 5 = 0$

$$(x+5)(x+1) = 0$$

$$x = -1$$

$$x = -5$$

Word problems on the back!

Word Problems

17. Find all values of  $b$  that make this factorable:  $x^2 + bx + 8$

Multiplies: 8 :  $1 + 8$      $2 + 4$   
 $-1 + -8$      $-2 + -4$   
 Adds:  $b$   $9 + -9$      $6 + -6$

18. A civil engineer needs the area of a rectangular lot to be  $(6x^2 + 5x) \text{ ft}^2$ . Find the possible dimensions of the lot.

$x(6x + 5)$      $x + 6x + 5$

19. A rectangular porch has dimensions of  $(x + 12)$  and  $(x + 5)$  feet.

If the area of the porch floor is 120 square feet, what are the dimensions of the porch?

a. Write an equation for this situation.

$(x + 12)(x + 5) = 120$

b. Solve the equation to find the dimensions of the porch.

$x^2 + 5x + 12x + 60 = 120$   
 $x^2 + 17x + 60 = 120$

$15 \times 8$   
 $x^2 + 17x - 60 = 0$   
 $(x + 20)(x - 3) = 0$   
 ~~$x = 20$~~      $x = 3$

20. Go back and work three problems that you missed on an old homework.