

# [factoring]

1. Find the greatest common factor for each group of terms:
  - a.  $-14x, 21x^2, 28x^3$
  - b.  $16x^2, 12x^3, 32x^5$
2. Factor the following
  - a.  $2x^2 - 10x + 2$
  - b.  $8x^3 - 4x^2 + 2x$
3. Find the missing terms represented by each  $\square$  to make the statement true
  - a.  $24x - 15 = \square(8x - 5)$
  - b.  $-12x + \square = -4(3x - 17)$
4. Factor
  - a.  $x^2 + 8x + 7$
  - b.  $x^2 - 9x + 14$
  - c.  $x^2 - 16x + 644$
5. Factor the difference of squares
  - a.  $x^2 - 49$
  - b.  $x^2 - 169$
6. Factor
  - a.  $2x^3 + 3x^4 - 4x^5 + 5x^6$
  - b.  $-3x(2x - 1) + 6(2x - 1)$
  - c.  $-28x^2y^2 + 14x^3y^3 - 7x^2y^3$
  - d.  $-4x - 4y + xy + y^2$
7. Factor each trinomial completely
  - a.  $x^2 + 2x - 35$
  - b.  $x^2 - 7x - 30$
  - c.  $30 - 11x + x^2$
  - d.  $7x^2 - 35x + 42$
8. Find an integer to replace the square  $\square$  so that the trinomial  $x^2 + \square x - 18$  can be factored.
9. The length of a rectangle is  $x + 7$  and the area is  $x^2 - 4x - 77$ , find the width of the rectangle.
10. Factor these difference of squares:
  - a.  $144x^2 - 49$
  - b.  $\frac{1}{9} - \frac{1}{16}x^2$
11. Simplify  $x(y^2 - 3) - 3(y^2 - x) + 6x$
12. Arrange in descending powers of  $x$ , then evaluate it for  $x = -2$ 

$$(x^2 + x - 6) - 5x - [(6x - 2x^2 + 3) - (4 - x^2)]$$
13. Find the expression for the volume of a box that has dimensions  $(5x - 1)$  by  $(2x + 4)$  by  $3x$ . Expand and simplify.
14. Find the binomial to complete this equality
 
$$(x - 4)(\quad) = x^2 + x - 20$$
15. Expand and simplify  $(x + 5)(x - 5)(x^2 + 25)$

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