

# Factoring

## 1. Common Factor

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| a. $2x + 4$           | i. $24x - 30$              | q. $4r^2 - 8r$       |
| b. $-3x - 18$         | j. $-7x - 21$              | r. $-15x^2 - 25x$    |
| c. $18x^2 - 6x + 6$   | k. $24x^3 - 15x^2 - 20x$   | s. $-ax + ay - 2a$   |
| d. $60x^2 - 25x + 15$ | l. $21x^4 - 28x^3 - 35x^2$ | t. $6a + 9b - 3c$    |
| e. $10x^2 - 4x$       | m. $3x + 3y$               | u. $3a^2 + 6a$       |
| f. $-16xy - 4x$       | n. $-5a - 5b$              | v. $36a^4 - 9b^4$    |
| g. $-2x + 6y$         | o. $4m + 6n$               | w. $x^2y^3z - 2xy^2$ |
| h. $-mx + my$         | p. $5 - 10b$               | x. $x^2 - x$         |

## 2. Factor using the difference of squares, remember to check for a common factor first.

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| a. $x^2 - 1$    | f. $x^2 - 9$    | j. $2x^2 - 8$           |
| b. $81x^2 - 16$ | g. $m^4 - 16$   | k. $-1 + 9x^2$          |
| c. $-9m^2 + 49$ | h. $x^3 - xy^2$ | l. $x^8 - 1$            |
| d. $-16 + 9y^2$ | i. $-x^2 + 16$  | m. $\frac{x^2}{25} - 1$ |
| e. $-(1 - a^4)$ |                 |                         |

## 3. Factor using sum and product, remember to check for a common factor first.

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| a. $x^2 + 7x + 12$   | g. $x^2 - 5x - 24$  | m. $a^2 + 10a + 21$   |
| b. $x^2 - 1x - 12$   | h. $x^2 + 3x - 88$  | n. $y^2 - 5y - 14$    |
| c. $x^2 + 8x + 12$   | i. $m^2 - 9m - 112$ | o. $x^2 + 13x - 30$   |
| d. $2x^2 + 6x - 8$   | j. $a^2 - 5a - 36$  | p. $4x^2 + 28x + 24$  |
| e. $-x^2 + 7x - 12$  | k. $4y^2 + 8y - 60$ | q. $2x^2 - 2x - 24$   |
| f. $3a^2 - 36a - 39$ | l. $x^2 - 13x + 30$ | r. $-a^2 - 2ab - b^2$ |