

Practice Worksheet

Factoring by Grouping

Complete. In each exercise, the blank represents the same expression.

$$1. (6ab + 4a) + (3b + 2) = 2a(\underline{3b+2}) + (\underline{3b+2}) = (3b+2)(2a+1)$$

$$2. (2x^2 - 8xz) + (2xy - 8yz) = 2x(\underline{x-4z}) + 2y(\underline{x-4z}) = (x-4z)(2x+2y)$$

Factor each polynomial. Check by using FOIL.

$$3. 6mn - 9m - 4n + 6$$

$$(3m-2)(2n-3)$$

$$5. 6xy^2 - 3xy + 8y - 4$$

$$(3xy+4)(2y-1)$$

$$7. 2e^2f - 12ef + 3e - 18$$

$$(2ef+3)(e-6)$$

$$9. 4r^2s - 8rs - 3r + 6$$

$$(4rs-3)(r-2)$$

$$11. 2uv - u^2v - 6 + 3u$$

$$(uv-3)(2-u)$$

$$13. 2ac + ad + 6bc + 3bd$$

$$(a+3b)(2c+d)$$

$$15. z^3 - 6 + 2z - 3z^2$$

$$z^3 - 3z^2 + 2z - 6$$

$$(z^2+2)(z-3)$$

$$17. r^3s^2 - 2r^2s + 2rs - 4$$

$$(r^2s+2)(rs-2)$$

$$19. m^3 - 5n + 5m - m^2n$$

$$(m^2+5)(m-n)$$

$$21. 6x^3 + 9x - 4x^2 - 6$$

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

$$23. c^2d^2 + xy + d^2x + c^2y$$

$$(c^2+x)(d^2+y)$$

$$25. 3v^2 - 9v - wv + 3w$$

$$(3v-w)(v-3)$$

$$4. 2x^2y + 6xy - x - 3$$

$$(2xy-1)(x+3)$$

$$6. 8x^2 + 2xy + 12x + 3y$$

$$(2x+3)(4x+y)$$

$$8. 6cd^2 - 8cd - 9d + 12$$

$$(2cd-3)(3d-4)$$

$$10. 4k + 12 + k^2 + 3k$$

$$(4+k)(k+3)$$

$$12. xz + xw + yz + yw$$

$$(x+y)(z+w)$$

$$14. 2c^2d + 9c + 6cd + 3c^2$$

$$2c^2d + 6cd + 3c^2 + 9c$$

$$(2cd+3c)(c+3) \rightarrow c(2d+3)(c+3)$$

$$16. p^2q + pq - 1 - p$$

$$(pq-1)(p+1)$$

$$18. ac + bd + bc + ad$$

$$(a+b)(c+d)$$

$$20. x^3 + xy^2 - x^2y - y^3$$

$$(x-y)(x^2+y^2)$$

$$22. a^3 + b^2 + a^2b + ab$$

$$(a^2+b)(a+b)$$

$$24. 3j - 5j^2 - 6k + 10jk$$

$$(j-2k)(3-5j)$$

$$26. 2xz - 6xy + 2yz - 6y^2$$

$$2(xz-3xy+yz-3y^2)$$

$$2(x+y)(z-3y)$$