

Special Products

Perfect Squares

$$(\textcolor{red}{a} + \textcolor{blue}{b})^2 = \textcolor{red}{a}^2 + 2\textcolor{red}{a}\textcolor{blue}{b} + \textcolor{blue}{b}^2$$

$$(\textcolor{red}{a} - \textcolor{blue}{b})^2 = \textcolor{red}{a}^2 - 2\textcolor{red}{a}\textcolor{blue}{b} + \textcolor{blue}{b}^2$$

Difference of Squares

$$(\textcolor{red}{a} - \textcolor{blue}{b})(\textcolor{red}{a} + \textcolor{blue}{b}) = \textcolor{red}{a}^2 - \textcolor{blue}{b}^2$$

1. Multiply the following.

A. $(x + 3)^2$

B. $(x - 3)^2$

C. $(3x + 5)^2$

2. Multiply the following.

A. $(x + 3)(x - 3)$

B. $(x - 3)(x + 3)$

C. $(3x + 5)(3x - 5)$

3. Multiply the following (use the general foil method).

A. $(x + 3)(x - 5)$

B. $(2x + 3)(3x - 5)$

C. $(2x - 3)(3x - 5)$

4. Multiply the following (be careful of powers).

A. $(x^2 + 3)(x - 5)$

B. $(2x + 3)(3x^2 - 5)$

C. $(2x^3 - 3x)(3x^2 - 5)$