

# Special Products

## Perfect Squares

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

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