



7-6 Enrichment

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Expressions		Factor A	Factor B
v $2x^2 - 7x - 15$	A4, B3 $4 + 3 = 7$	1. $(2x + 1)$	1. $(x - 2)$
e $2x^2 - x - 1$		2. $(4x - 1)$	2. $(x + 1)$
l $3x^2 - 11x - 4$		3. $(3x + 1)$	3. $(x - 5)$
i $3x^2 - x - 10$		4. $(2x + 3)$	4. $(x + 4)$
n $3x^2 + 19x - 14$		5. $(4x - 3)$	5. $(x - 1)$
r $3x^2 + 7x + 2$		6. $(4x + 3)$	6. $(x + 2)$
e $4x^2 + 15x - 4$		7. $(7x - 3)$	7. $(x - 4)$
t $4x^2 + 15x + 9$		8. $(3x - 2)$	8. $(x + 5)$
c $4x^2 + 17x - 15$		9. $(7x + 1)$	9. $(x + 3)$
i $7x^2 + 8x + 1$		10. $(3x + 5)$	10. $(x + 7)$
l $7x^2 + 13x - 2$		11. $(7x - 1)$	
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l $3x^2 - 11x - 4$	A3, B7 $3 + 7 = 10$	3. $(3x + 1)$	3. $(x - 5)$
i $3x^2 - x - 10$	A10, B1 $10 + 1 = 11$	4. $(2x + 3)$	4. $(x + 4)$
n $3x^2 + 19x - 14$	A8, B10 $8 + 10 = 18$	5. $(4x - 3)$	5. $(x - 1)$
r $3x^2 + 7x + 2$	A3, B6 $3 + 6 = 9$	6. $(4x + 3)$	6. $(x + 2)$
e $4x^2 + 15x - 4$	A2, B4 $2 + 4 = 6$	7. $(7x - 3)$	7. $(x - 4)$
t $4x^2 + 15x + 9$	A6, B9 $6 + 9 = 15$	8. $(3x - 2)$	8. $(x + 5)$
c $4x^2 + 17x - 15$	A5, B8 $5 + 8 = 13$	9. $(7x + 1)$	9. $(x + 3)$
i $7x^2 + 8x + 1$	A9, B2 $9 + 2 = 11$	10. $(3x + 5)$	10. $(x + 7)$
l $7x^2 + 13x - 2$	A11, B6 $11 + 6 = 17$	11. $(7x - 1)$	
a $7x^2 - 10x + 3$	A7, B5 $7 + 5 = 12$		

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