Answers are in RED.

| Expanding (Multiplying) | Factoring (Dividing) |
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| Type 1: Monomial x Binomial or Monomial x Trinomial <br> Ex: $\begin{aligned} & 3(x+4)=3 x+12 \\ & -2\left(x^{2}+2 x-1\right)=-2 x^{2}-4 x+2 \end{aligned}$ <br> Questions to try: <br> 1. $5(x-3) 5 x-15$ <br> 2. $x(x+5) x^{2}+5 x$ <br> 3. $2 x\left(x^{2}-3 x+2\right) \quad 2 x^{3}-6 x^{2}+4 x$ <br> 4. $-4(x-5)-4 x+20$ <br> 5. $-3 x(x+2 y) \quad-3 x^{2}-6 x y$ | Type 1: Factor with a GCF <br> Ex: $2 \mathrm{x}+10$, GCF is $2: 2(\mathrm{x}+5)$ <br> $-3 x^{2}+6 x$, GCF is $-3 x:-3 x(x-2)$ <br> Questions to try: <br> 1. $4 x+124(x+3)$ <br> 2. $x^{2}-6 x y \quad x(x-6 y)$ <br> 3. $10 x^{2}+20 x \quad 10 x(x+2)$ <br> 4. $-5 x-10 \quad-5(x+2)$ <br> 5. $-4 x^{2} y+8 x y \quad-4 x y(x-2)$ |
| Always check to see if your polynomial can be simplified by finding a GCF BEFORE using one of the following methods of FACTORING!!!! |  |
| Type 2: Binomial x Binomial <br> Use distributive property: Multiply each term in the $1^{\text {st }}$ bracket with everything in the $2^{\text {nd }}$ bracket and then combine like terms. $\begin{aligned} & \text { Ex: }(x+3)(x+4) \\ & x(x+4)+3(x+4) \\ & x^{2}+4 x+3 x+12 \\ & x^{2}+7 x+12 \\ & (x-3)(x+5) \\ & x^{2}+5 x-3 x-15 \\ & x^{2}+2 x-15 \end{aligned}$ <br> Questions to try: <br> 1. $(x+2)(x+5)$ $x^{2}+7 x+10$ <br> 2. $(y+1)(y+7)$ $y^{2}+8 y+7$ <br> 3. $(x-5)(x-7)$ $x^{2}-12 x+35$ <br> 4. $(y-2)(y-3)$ $y^{2}-5 y+6$ <br> 5. $(x+6)(x-8) \quad x^{2}-2 x-48$ | Type 2: Factoring Trinomials, form $\mathbf{x}^{2}+\mathrm{bx}+\mathrm{c}$ <br> Find 2 numbers that multiply to give us the last number, the " $c$ " and the same 2 numbers will add to give us the middle number or the coefficient on the $x$-term, the " $b$ ". <br> Ex: $x^{2}+8 x+15$ <br> 3 and 5 multiply to make 15 and add to make 8 , so: $(x+3)(x+5)$ <br> Or $x^{2}-2 x-15=(x-5)(x+3)$ <br> Questions to try: <br> 1. $x^{2}+10 x+16 \quad(x+8)(x+2)$ <br> 2. $y^{2}+9 y+18 \quad(y+6)(y+3)$ <br> 3. $x^{2}-7 x-18 \quad(x-9)(x+2)$ <br> 4. $y^{2}+2 y-63 \quad(y+9)(y-7)$ <br> 5. $y^{2}+5 y-36 \quad(y+9)(y-4)$ |



| Type 5: Binomial x Binomial $(a+b)(a-b)$ <br> Ex: $(x+7)(x-7)=x^{2}-49$ $(2 y+3)(2 y-3)=4 y^{2}-9$ <br> Questions to try: <br> 1. $(x+6)(x-6) \quad x^{2}-36$ <br> 2. $(3 y+5)(3 y-5) \quad 9 y^{2}-25$ <br> 3. $(2+x)(2-x) 4-x^{2}$ <br> 4. $(2 x+5 y)(2 x-5 y) \quad 4 x^{2}-25 y^{2}$ <br> 5. $(x+2 y)(x-2 y) \quad x^{2}-4 y^{2}$ | Type 5: Difference of Squares <br> Ex: $x^{2}-4=(x+2)(x-2)$ $25 y^{2}-16 x^{2}=(5 y+4 x)(5 y-4 x)$ <br> Questions to try: <br> 1. $x^{2}-25(x-5)(x+5)$ <br> 2. $100 x^{2}-9 \quad(10 x+3)(10 x-3)$ <br> 3. $49-y^{2}(7-y)(7+y)$ <br> 4. $16 x^{2}-81 y^{2} \quad(4 x-9 y)(4 x+9 y)$ <br> 5. $y^{2}-9 x^{2} \quad(y+3 x)(y-3 x)$ |
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| Type 6: Binomial x Binomial with 2 variables $\begin{aligned} & \text { Ex: }(5 y+2 x)(y-3 x) \\ & 5 y(y-3 x)+2 x(y-3 x) \\ & 5 y^{2}-15 x y+2 x y-6 x^{2} \\ & 5 y^{2}-13 x y-6 x^{2} \end{aligned}$ <br> Questions to try: <br> 1. $(3 y+x)(2 y-3 x) \quad 6 y^{2}-7 x y-3 x^{2}$ <br> 2. $(x+4 y)(-x-y) \quad-x^{2}-5 x y-4 y^{2}$ <br> 3. $(7 a-7 b)(3 a+b) 21 a^{2}-14 a b-7 b^{2}$ | Type 6: Factoring Trinomials with Two Variables $\text { Ex: } 2 a^{2}-7 a b+3 b^{2}$ <br> $2 a^{2}-1 a b-6 a b+3 b^{2}$ <br> Use DECOMPOSITION!! <br> GCF of $2 a^{2}-1 a b$ is: a <br> Two numbers that will <br> GCF of $-6 a b+3 b^{2}$ is: $-3 b$ multiply to give 6 and <br> $a(2 a-b)-3 b(2 a-b)$ $(a-3 b)(2 a-b)$ <br> Questions to try: <br> 1. $5 x^{2}-13 x y+6 y^{2}$ <br> $(5 x-3 y)(x-2 y)$ <br> 2. $3 p^{2}-5 p q-2 q^{2}$ <br> $(3 p+q)(p-2 q)$ <br> 3. $10 x^{2}-x y-2 y^{2}$ <br> $(5 x+2 y)(2 x-y)$ |
|  | Combinations of Type 1 and Types 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 Find a GCF FIRST, then factor using one of the other methods. <br> Ex: $20 x^{2}+70 x+60$ <br> GCF of 10 <br> $10\left(2 x^{2}+7 x+6\right)$ <br> $10\left(2 x^{2}+4 x+3 x+6\right)$ <br> $10[2 x(x+2)+3(x+2)]$ <br> $10(2 x+3)(x+2)$ <br> Use DECOMPOSITION!! <br> Two numbers that will multiply to give 12 and add to give 7 : +4, +3 <br> Questions to try: <br> 1. $24 y^{2}-72 y+54 \quad 6(2 y-3)(2 y-3)$ or $6(2 y-3)^{2}$ <br> 2. $7 x^{2}-35 x+42 \quad 7(x-3)(x-2)$ <br> 3. $4 y^{2}-20 y-56 \quad 4(y-7)(y+2)$ <br> 4. $8 y^{2}-72 x^{2} \quad 8(y-3 x)(y+3 x)$ |

