

Factoring GCF

Multiple Choice: Choose the best answer

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Factor each completely.

1) $-2p^3 - 6p^2$

- A) $-2p(p+1)$
- B) $-2p^2(p+1)$
- C) $-2p^2(p+3)$
- D) $-2p^2(p-3)$

2) $2x^3 - 20x^2$

- A) $2x^2(x-10)$
- B) $2x(x+10)$
- C) $2x(x+1)$
- D) $2x^2(x+1)$

3) $5r^2 + 40r$

- A) Not factorable
- B) $r(r+8)$
- C) $5r(r+8)$
- D) $5r(r+1)$

4) $-3x^2 - 12x$

- A) $-3x(x+4)$
- B) $-3x(x-4)$
- C) $x(x+4)$
- D) $-3x(x+1)$

5) $3n^2 + 6n$

- A) $3n(n+1)$
- B) Not factorable
- C) $3n(n-2)$
- D) $3n(n+2)$

6) $-4v^3 - 24v^2$

- A) $-4v^2(v+6)$
- B) $-4v(v+1)$
- C) Not factorable
- D) $v^2(v+6)$

7) $6a^2 + 18a$

- A) $6a(a+3)$
- B) Not factorable
- C) $6a(a+1)$
- D) $6a(a-3)$

8) $-2x^4 - 8x^3$

- A) $-3(x-8)(x-9)$
- B) $-2x^3(x+4)$
- C) $-2x^3(x-4)$
- D) $4x^3(x+8)$

9) $-4n^2 - 12n$

- A) $-4n(n+3)$
- B) Not factorable
- C) $-4n(n-3)$
- D) $-4n(n+1)$

10) $n^4 + 3n^3$

- A) $n(n+1)$
- B) $n^3(n+1)$
- C) $6n^3(n+7)$
- D) $n^3(n+3)$

Factoring with a leading coefficient of one
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Factor each completely.

1) $a^2 + 11a + 28$

2) $x^2 + 14x + 48$

3) $r^2 + r - 30$

4) $n^2 - 7n + 10$

5) $n^2 - 8n - 9$

6) $k^2 + 14k + 45$

7) $k^2 + 5k - 24$

8) $x^2 - 17x + 70$

9) $x^2 - 17x + 70$

10) $m^2 - 4m + 3$

11) $n^2 - 5n + 4$

12) $x^2 - 5x - 24$

13) $p^2 + 8p + 7$

14) $k^2 + 8k - 20$

Factoring a difference of squares

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Factor each completely.

1) $9n^2 - 169$

2) $64m^2 - 49$

3) $144r^2 - 169$

4) $x^2 - 25$

5) $4n^2 - 25$

6) $49x^2 - 36$

7) $196v^2 - 9$

8) $9n^2 - 16$

9) $49a^2 - 169$

10) $169k^2 - 81$

11) $169x^2 - 25$

12) $25n^2 - 16$

13) $25x^2 - 64$

14) $121m^2 - 1$

15) $144p^2 - 49$

16) $16x^2 - 169$

Factoring a trinomial with a leading coefficient that is not one

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Factor each completely.

1) $3x^2 + 28x - 20$

2) $5r^2 + 19r - 30$

3) $5p^2 + 46p + 9$

4) $11x^2 + 139x + 84$

5) $3x^2 + 25x + 28$

6) $7n^2 + 52n - 99$

7) $5x^2 + 66x + 121$

8) $5k^2 - 58k + 80$

9) $7p^2 - 89p + 60$

10) $5k^2 + 54k - 11$

11) $9x^2 + 12x - 32$

12) $9n^2 + 31n + 12$

13) $9a^2 + 100a + 100$

14) $10x^2 + 17x + 6$

15) $9x^2 + 85x - 50$

16) $6v^2 - v - 15$

17) $4a^2 - 13a + 9$

18) $10x^2 + 49x + 18$

19) $6v^2 - 5v - 25$

20) $9n^2 - 51n + 70$

21) $9m^2 - 91m + 90$

- A) $(2m - 3)(3m + 2)$
- B) $(9m + 5)(m + 18)$
- C) $(m - 9)(9m - 10)$
- D) $(m - 7)(9m - 10)$

22) $10a^2 - 53a - 42$

- A) $(a - 6)(10a - 7)$
- B) $(a - 6)(10a + 7)$
- C) $2(a + 7)(5a - 3)$
- D) $10(a - 6)(a - 7)$

23) $9p^2 - 31p + 12$

- A) $(p - 3)(9p - 4)$
- B) $9(p - 3)(p + 4)$
- C) $(9p + 2)(p + 6)$
- D) $(p + 3)(9p - 4)$

24) $9n^2 - 30n + 16$

- A) $(3n - 8)(3n - 2)$
- B) $(3n + 8)(3n - 2)$
- C) Not factorable
- D) $9(n - 8)(n + 2)$

25) $9r^2 + 42r + 40$

- A) $9(r + 4)(r - 10)$
- B) $(3r + 4)(3r + 10)$
- C) $(3r + 5)(3r + 8)$
- D) $(9r + 4)(r + 10)$

26) $9p^2 + 61p - 14$

- A) Not factorable
- B) $(9p + 2)(p - 7)$
- C) $9(p + 7)(p + 2)$
- D) $(p + 7)(9p - 2)$

27) $6p^2 + 59p - 10$

- A) $(p + 10)(6p - 1)$
- B) $(p + 6)(4p - 7)$
- C) $(6p + 5)(p - 2)$
- D) $(p + 2)(9p - 2)$

28) $4r^2 - 41r + 72$

- A) $(r + 8)(4r - 9)$
- B) $(r + 8)(4r + 9)$
- C) $4(r + 3)(r + 6)$
- D) $(r - 8)(4r - 9)$

29) $8k^2 - 29k - 12$

- A) $(k - 4)(8k + 3)$
- B) $4(2k - 1)(k - 3)$
- C) $2(4k + 1)(k - 6)$
- D) Not factorable

30) $4a^2 - 8a + 3$

- A) $(a + 6)(9a + 2)$
- B) $(2a - 1)(2a - 3)$
- C) $(2a - 1)(2a + 3)$
- D) $4(a - 1)(a + 3)$

Exponents Practice

Use your rules from the previous pages to simplify

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Simplify.

1) $v^4 \cdot 2v^2$

2) $3x^3 \cdot 2x^5$

3) $6x^3 \cdot 4x^2$

4) $a \cdot 5a^4$

5) $3k^5 \cdot k$

6) $6p^6 \cdot p^5$

7) $(4x^2)^3$

8) $(4n^4)^3$

9) $(4m^3)^2$

10) $(4r)^3$

11) $(2x^3)^4$

12) $(3n^4)^4$

Simplify. Your answer should contain only positive exponents.

13) $\frac{-2b^4}{-3b^4}$

14) $-\frac{v^2}{v^4}$

15) $\frac{3x^3}{3x^4}$

16) $\frac{-3n}{-3n^2}$

17) $\frac{2a^4}{-a^3}$

18) $\frac{2k^4}{2k^3}$

19) $\left(\frac{2x^3}{x^4x^3}\right)^4$

20) $\left(\frac{x^2 \cdot 2x \cdot x}{2x}\right)^2$

21) $\left(\frac{2n^2 \cdot n^2}{n^4}\right)^4$

22) $\frac{2m^3 \cdot (2m^4)^4}{2m}$

23) $\frac{p^4 \cdot 2p^3}{(2p^2)^3}$

24) $\frac{2x^4}{x^3(2x^4)^2}$

25) $\frac{(n^3)^4}{2n^3 \cdot 2n^3}$

26) $\frac{b^4 \cdot 2b^3}{(2b)^3}$

27) $3r^{-3}$

28) $3x^{-4}$

29) $4n^{-4}$

30) $3x^{-2}$

31) $\left(\frac{x^{-1}y^3 \cdot x^4y^2}{2x^4y^2}\right)^3$

32) $\left(\frac{2y^3 \cdot 2x^4}{yx^{-3}}\right)^{-4}$

33) $\left(\frac{2u^{-3}v^4}{v^3 \cdot 2v}\right)^2$

34) $\frac{y^{-1} \cdot 2x^{-3}}{(2x^2y^{-1})^4}$

35) $\left(\frac{2u^4v^{-3} \cdot u^3v^{-2}}{(v^{-3})^{-2}}\right)^2$

36) $\frac{2x^{-3}y^3 \cdot 2y^4}{(2x^3y^{-2})^{-1}}$

Simplify the radicals

Find the largest perfect square!

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Simplify.

1) $\sqrt{864}$

2) $\sqrt{2548}$

3) $\sqrt{1573}$

4) $\sqrt{245}$

5) $\sqrt{500}$

6) $\sqrt{396}$

7) $\sqrt{16}$

8) $\sqrt{100}$

9) $\sqrt{2250}$

10) $\sqrt{1440}$

11) $\sqrt{200}$

12) $\sqrt{392}$

13) $\sqrt{441}$

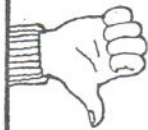
14) $\sqrt{729}$

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Factoring $x^2 + bx + c$

$$x^2 - 5x - 24 = (x - 8)(x - 3)$$

Wrong!



$$x^2 - 5x - 24 = (x - 8)(x + 3)$$



Right!

Quick Review

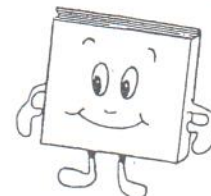
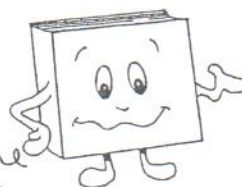
When the last term is positive, the signs in both factors will match the middle term of the trinomial. When the last term is negative, the factors will have opposite signs.

Factor each expression.

Use the code to answer this riddle:

What did the algebra book say to the biology book?

Multiply to the last, add to the middle

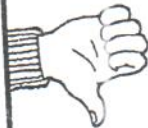


1. $x^2 - 5x + 6 =$
2. $x^2 + 13x + 42 =$
3. $x^2 - 11x + 30 =$
4. $x^2 + 10x + 21 =$
5. $x^2 + 14x + 45 =$
6. $x^2 - 12x + 32 =$
7. $x^2 - 11x + 18 =$
8. $x^2 + 8x - 48 =$
9. $x^2 - 8x - 33 =$
10. $x^2 + 11x + 10 =$
11. $x^2 - x - 56 =$
12. $x^2 + 2x - 15 =$
13. $x^2 + 15x + 54 =$
14. $x^2 - 3x - 40 =$
15. $x^2 + 2x - 63 =$

- A $(x - 5)(x - 6)$
- B $(x + 9)(x + 5)$
- E $(x - 2)(x - 3)$
- G $(x + 6)(x + 7)$
- H $(x - 4)(x - 8)$
- I $(x + 3)(x - 11)$
- L $(x + 7)(x + 3)$
- M $(x + 12)(x - 4)$
- O $(x - 3)(x + 5)$
- P $(x - 2)(x - 9)$
- R $(x - 8)(x + 5)$
- S $(x + 9)(x + 6)$
- T $(x + 9)(x - 7)$
- V $(x + 10)(x + 1)$
- W $(x + 7)(x - 8)$


11 12 11 , 6 3 10 1 9 2 12 15 7 14 12 5 4 1 8 13 !

Wrong!



$$\begin{aligned}
 9x^2 - 12x + 4 &= \\
 (3x + 2)(3x + 2) &= \\
 (3x + 2)^2 &=
 \end{aligned}$$


Right!



$$\begin{aligned}
 9x^2 - 12x + 4 &= \\
 (3x - 2)(3x - 2) &= \\
 (3x - 2)^2 &=
 \end{aligned}$$

Quick Review

There are two forms of perfect square trinomials.

$$\begin{aligned}
 a^2 + 2ab + b^2 &= (a + b)^2 & 9x^2 + 12x + 4 &= (3x)^2 + 2(3x)(2) + (2)^2 = (3x + 2)^2 \\
 a^2 - 2ab + b^2 &= (a - b)^2 & 9x^2 - 12x + 4 &= (3x)^2 - 2(3x)(2) + (2)^2 = (3x - 2)^2
 \end{aligned}$$


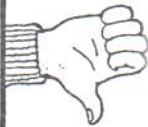
Factor each expression. Then connect your answers in the order of the problems to create a design. Begin and end at the star.

1. $x^2 + 4x + 4 =$ (x + 2)²
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2. $x^2 - 12x + 36 =$ (3x + 8)² •
3. $x^2 + 10x + 25 =$ (x + 10)² •
4. $x^2 - 2x + 1 =$ (x + 8)² • (x + 5)² •
5. $x^2 - 14x + 49 =$ (2x - 5)² • (11x + 1)² •
6. $4x^2 - 20x + 25 =$ (x - 3)² • (x - 7)² •
7. $x^2 + 24x + 144 =$ (x - 1)² • (6x - 4)² •
8. $9x^2 + 48x + 64 =$ (x - 9)² • (x + 12)² •
9. $x^2 + 8x + 16 =$ (x - 6)² • (5x - 3)² •
10. $x^2 + 20x + 100 =$ (x + 4)² •
11. $x^2 - 18x + 81 =$
12. $121x^2 + 22x + 1 =$
13. $x^2 - 6x + 9 =$
14. $36x^2 - 48x + 16 =$
15. $x^2 + 16x + 64 =$
16. $25x^2 - 30x + 9 =$

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Factoring the Difference of Two Squares


Wrong!



~~$$x^2 - 16 =$$

$$(x - 4)(x - 4)$$~~

Right!



$$x^2 - 16 =$$

$$(x - 4)(x + 4)$$

Quick Review

If there is no middle product in the difference of two squares, $a^2 - b^2 = (a - b)(a + b)$ the operations in the binomial factors must be opposite.



Factor each expression. Then use the code to discover the name of an English mathematician and one of his areas of study. Boolean algebra was named in honor of him and relates to that study.

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1. $x^2 - 9 =$ | O $(x + 9)(x - 9)$ |
| 2. $x^2 - 25 =$ | B $(x - 3)(x + 3)$ |
| 3. $x^2 - 81 =$ | C $(x - 1)(x + 1)$ |
| 4. $x^2 - 100 =$ | E $(x + 5)(x - 5)$ |
| 5. $x^2 - 1 =$ | G $(3x - 2)(3x + 2)$ |
| 6. $9x^2 - 4 =$ | I $(8x + 8)(8x - 8)$ |
| 7. $4x^2 - 49 =$ | L $(x + 10)(x - 10)$ |
| 8. $144x^2 - 16 =$ | O $(4x - 5)(4x + 5)$ |
| 9. $64x^2 - 64 =$ | E $(2x + 7)(2x - 7)$ |
| 10. $x^2 - 36 =$ | G $(12x - 4)(12x + 4)$ |
| 11. $81x^2 - 121 =$ | L $(5x + 3)(5x - 3)$ |
| 12. $16x^2 - 25 =$ | O $(x - 2)(x + 2)$ |
| 13. $100x^2 - 1 =$ | R $(x - 6)(x + 6)$ |
| 14. $25x^2 - 9 =$ | E $(9x + 11)(9x - 11)$ |
| 15. $x^2 - 4 =$ | G $(6x - 12)(6x + 12)$ |
| 16. $36x^2 - 144 =$ | O $(10x + 1)(10x - 1)$ |

6 2 3 10 8 11

1 12 15 4 7

14 13 16 9 5



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Factoring $ax^2 + bx + c$

$$12x^2 - 2x - 4 = (12x + 4)(x - 1)$$



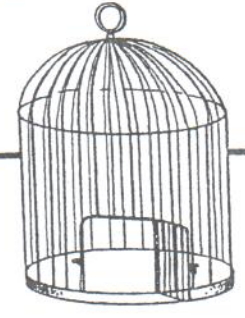
$$12x^2 - 2x - 4 = (3x - 2)(4x + 2)$$

Quick Review

Use the FOIL method to test your answer and check that the middle term is correct.

$$(12x + 4)(x - 1) = 12x^2 - 12x + 4x - 4 = 12x^2 - 8x - 4 \quad \text{Wrong!}$$

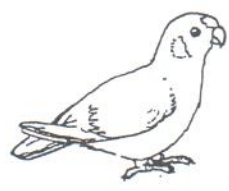
$$(3x - 2)(4x + 2) = 12x^2 + 6x - 8x - 4 = 12x^2 - 2x - 4 \quad \text{Right!}$$



Factor each expression. Use the code to answer this riddle:
 What did the distraught geometry teacher keep repeating when he found the empty parrot cage?

1. $8x^2 - 2x - 1 =$
2. $3x^2 + 10x + 8 =$
3. $5x^2 + 24x + 27 =$
4. $4x^2 - 12x + 8 =$
5. $6x^2 - 7x - 10 =$
6. $9x^2 + 37x + 4 =$
7. $7x^2 + 5x - 2 =$
8. $3x^2 - 8x - 3 =$
9. $2x^2 - 8x + 8 =$
10. $12x^2 + 8x + 1 =$
11. $8x^2 + 11x - 10 =$
12. $6x^2 + 10x + 4 =$
13. $3x^2 + 6x - 9 =$
14. $2x^2 + 27x + 81 =$

- G $(2x - 2)(2x - 4)$
- G $(2x - 1)(4x + 1)$
- O $(6x + 5)(x - 2)$
- L $(5x + 9)(x + 3)$
- L $(3x + 4)(x + 2)$
- Y $(2x - 4)(x - 2)$
- Y $(6x + 1)(2x + 1)$
- N $(9x + 1)(x + 4)$
- O $(7x - 2)(x + 1)$
- N $(8x - 5)(x + 2)$
- O $(2x + 9)(x + 9)$
- P $(3x + 1)(x - 3)$
- O $(2x + 2)(3x + 2)$
- P $(3x - 3)(x + 3)$



8 5 2 10 4 14 11 , 13 7 3 9 1 12 6 !



Factoring Trinomials: $x^2 + bx + c$

$$x^2 + 7x + 10 = (x)^2 + (2 + 5)x + (2)(5) = (x + 2)(x + 5)$$

Factor, write prime if prime.

1. $x^2 + 6x + 8$

12. $x^2 - x - 6$

2. $c^2 + 5c + 6$

13. $y^2 + 3y - 18$

3. $y^2 - 9y + 14$

14. $b^2 + 7b - 18$

4. $x^2 - 10x + 16$

15. $a^2 + a - 56$

5. $a^2 + 12a + 27$

16. $c^2 - 4c - 12$

6. $x^2 - 14x + 24$

17. $x^2 - 9x - 36$

7. $x^2 - 15x + 36$

18. $y^2 + 4y - 21$

8. $y^2 + 21y + 54$

19. $x^2 - 22x - 75$

9. $m^2 + 13m - 36$

20. $x^2 - 3x - 40$

10. $x^2 - 8x + 15$

21. $45 + 14y + y^2$

11. $y^2 - 4y - 32$

22. $x^2 - 13x + 36$



Factoring Trinomials: $ax^2 + bx + c$

$$2x^2 - 5x - 3 = (2x + 1)(x - 3)$$

Factor, write prime if prime.

1. $2x^2 - 5x - 3$

11. $2n^2 - 3n - 14$

2. $3x^2 + 10x - 8$

12. $5n^2 + 2n + 7$

3. $2y^2 + 15y + 7$

13. $10x^2 + 13x - 30$

4. $7a^2 - 11a + 4$

14. $12y^2 + 7y + 1$

5. $5n^2 + 17n + 6$

15. $2n^2 + 9n - 5$

6. $4y^2 + 8y + 3$

16. $2x^2 + 7x + 6$

7. $3x^2 + 4x - 7$

17. $5a^2 - 42a - 27$

8. $2x^2 + 13x + 15$

18. $15x^2 - 28x - 32$

9. $9y^2 + 6y - 8$

19. $8a^2 - 10a + 3$

10. $6x^2 - 7x - 20$

20. $2y^2 - 3y - 20$



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Multiplying & Dividing Monomials

Quick Review

- To **multiply** powers with the same base, multiply the coefficients and add the exponents.
 $a^m \cdot a^n = a^{m+n}$
- To **divide** powers with the same base, divide the coefficients and subtract the exponent in the denominator from the exponent in the numerator.

$$\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n} \quad a \neq 0$$

Examples:

$$2^3 \cdot 2^2 = 2^5 = 32$$

$$x^2 \cdot x = x^3$$

$$3x^5 \cdot -5x^4 = -15x^9$$

$$\frac{3^7}{3^5} = 3^2 = 9 \quad \frac{x^9}{x^3} = x^6 \quad \frac{8x^6y^3}{2xy^2} = 4x^5y$$

Multiply or divide to simplify each expression. Then create a design by drawing straight lines connect your answers in the order of the problems. Begin at the star.

1. $x^2 \cdot x^4 =$ _____

2. $\frac{7^5}{7^3} =$ _____

3. $v \cdot y^4 =$ _____

4. $3^3 \cdot 3 =$ _____

5. $\frac{x^{12}}{x^3} =$ _____

6. $4x^3 \cdot 2x^2 =$ _____

7. $\frac{x^7}{x^2} =$ _____

8. $3x^5 \cdot x^2 =$ _____

9. $\frac{16x^6}{8x^2} =$ _____

10. $x^2 \cdot x^5 \cdot x^3 =$ _____

11. $\frac{9x^7}{-3x^3} =$ _____

12. $-5x^5 \cdot -6x^4 =$ _____

13. $\frac{x^5y^3}{x^3y^2} =$ _____

14. $3y^2 \cdot 5y^9 =$ _____

15. $4^3 \cdot x^6 \cdot x^2 =$ _____

16. $\frac{x^4y^2}{x} =$ _____

17. $\frac{12x^2y^5}{4y^3} =$ _____

18. $x^5y^2 \cdot x^4y =$ _____

19. $\frac{6x^5y}{x^3y} =$ _____

20. $\frac{48x^3y^2z}{16yz} =$ _____

x^6 ★

y^5 •

x^9 •

x^5 •

$2x^4$ •

$-3x^4$ •

x^2y •

$64x^8$ •

$3x^2y^2$ •

$6x^2$ •

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$8x^5$

$3x^7$

x^{10}

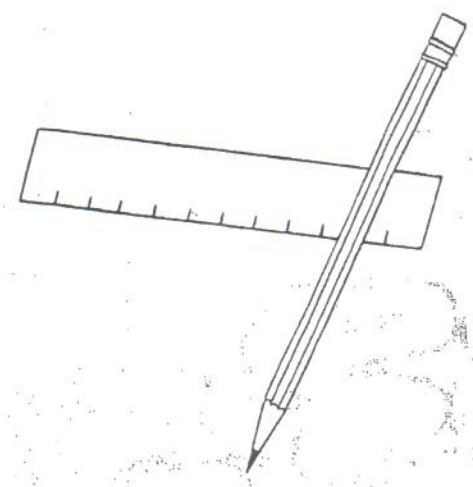
$30x^9$

$15y^{11}$

x^3y^2

x^9y^3

$3x^3y$



Quick Review

1. To find the **power of a power**, multiply the exponents.

$$(a^m)^n = a^{m \cdot n}$$

To find the **power of a product**, find the power of each factor and multiply.

$$(a \cdot b)^m = a^m \cdot b^m$$

2. To find the **power of a quotient**, find the power of the numerator and the denominator and divide.

$$\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^m = \frac{a^m}{b^m} \quad b \neq 0$$

Examples:

$$(-3^3)^2 = (-3)^6 = 729$$

$$(x^2)^5 = x^{10}$$

$$(-5x)^3 = (-5)^3 \cdot x^3 = -125x^3$$

$$(2y^2)^4 = 2^4 \cdot (y^2)^4 = 16y^8$$

$$\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^3 = \frac{3^3}{4^3} = \frac{27}{64}$$

$$\left(\frac{-2x^4}{x^3}\right)^2 = \frac{(-2)^2 \cdot (x^4)^2}{(x^3)^2} = \frac{4x^8}{x^6} = 4x^2$$

Multiply or divide to simplify each expression.

Shade in your answers to find the formula for the area of a circle.

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| 1. $(x^2)^4 =$ _____ | 8. $(x^2y^3)^6 =$ _____ | 15. $(-3xy^2)^3 =$ _____ |
| 2. $(2^3)^2 =$ _____ | 9. $\left(\frac{x^3}{y}\right)^4 =$ _____ | 16. $\left(\frac{6x^5}{3x}\right)^2 =$ _____ |
| 3. $(y^5)^3 =$ _____ | 10. $(4x^2y)^3 =$ _____ | 17. $(7x^4y)^2 =$ _____ |
| 4. $(2x)^3 =$ _____ | 11. $\left(\frac{x^7}{x^4}\right)^2 =$ _____ | 18. $(3xy^6)^2 =$ _____ |
| 5. $\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^4 =$ _____ | 12. $(-5xy^4)^2 =$ _____ | 19. $\left(\frac{-4x^3y^2}{2y}\right)^3 =$ _____ |
| 6. $(xy^2)^2 =$ _____ | 13. $\left(\frac{x^2y^3}{z}\right)^2 =$ _____ | 20. $(-xy^3)^3 =$ _____ |
| 7. $\left(\frac{3}{x}\right)^3 =$ _____ | 14. $(2x^2y^3)^5 =$ _____ | 21. $\left(\frac{x^6y^2}{3xy}\right)^4 =$ _____ |