

ALGEBRA - Substitute, Simplify, expand, factorise

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Substitution

For questions 13 to 24

1) $a = 3$ $\boxed{ }$ + 3 = $a = 4, b = 3 \text{ and } c = 2$

13) $a + 9 =$

2) $b = 7$ $\boxed{ }$ - 1 = 14) $4b =$

15) $3c + a =$

3) $e = 4$ $3 \times \boxed{ }$ = 16) $ab =$

4) $s = 8$ $\boxed{ }$ \div 2 = 17) $2(a + b) =$

18) $2bc =$

5) $p = 6$ $2 \times \boxed{ }$ + 1 = 19) $13 - a =$

20) $ab + c =$

6) $q = 7$ $3 \times \boxed{ }$ - 4 = 21) $4(a - c)$

22) $4c + 7$

7) $r = 8$ $3 \times (\boxed{ } - 5) =$ 23) $20 - 2a$

24) abc

8) $a = 2$ $\boxed{ } + \boxed{ } =$
 $b = 3$

9) $a = 2$ $\boxed{ } \times \boxed{ } =$
 $b = 3$

10) $c = 4$ $4 \times \boxed{ } + \boxed{ } =$
 $d = 5$

11) $c = 2$ $4 \times \boxed{ } \times \boxed{ } =$
 $d = 5$

12) $e = 6$ $3 \times \boxed{ } + 4 \times \boxed{ } =$
 $f = 2$

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Simplify where possible

$$1) a + a$$

$$2) 2a - a$$

$$3) 3 \times 2a$$

$$4) a \times a$$

$$5) 2a + a$$

$$6) \frac{2a}{a}$$

$$7) a - a$$

$$8) a^2 + a^2 + a$$

$$9) a^2 - a$$

$$10) a^2 \times a$$

$$11) 2a + 3b - 5a + b + 5$$

$$12) 2s \times 3s$$

$$13) y^2 \times y^3$$

$$14) y^2 + y^3$$

$$15) 3ab \times 2a$$

Writing in algebra

1) What number is two more than n?

2) What number is three less than n?

3) What number is twice as big as n?

4) What number is a quarter the size of n?

5) Write in terms of n an expression that is always odd.

6) Show that the expression $4n - 1 + n + 11$ is always a multiple of 5.

Write in a more simple way

1) $x + x + x + x =$

2) $y \times y =$

3) 3 lots of $2x =$

4) 2 lots of $3y$

5) $x^2 + x =$

6) $4 \times 2y =$

Simplify these ones

1) $3a + 4a + a =$

2) $7x - 4x$

3) $a + 2b + b + 4a =$

4) $5p + q - 2q =$

5) $4g + 5 + g - 2 =$

6) $4a + 3a - 7a =$

7) $4g + 2h + 3 + g - 3h =$

8) $9b + 2c - 3b =$

9) $x + x + s + 3s + 2x =$

10) $2y + h - 3y - 2h =$

Expand these brackets

1) $2(x + 3)$

2) $4(y + 3)$

3) $3(2a + 1)$

4) $2(5y + 3)$

5) $6(2x + 1)$

6) $4(3x - 1)$

7) $2(5x - 1)$

8) $3(2 + 3y)$

Factorise these expressions

1) $2x + 4 = 2(\underline{\hspace{1cm}} + \underline{\hspace{1cm}})$

2) $2x + 6 = 2(\underline{\hspace{1cm}} + \underline{\hspace{1cm}})$

3) $3x + 3 = 3(\underline{\hspace{1cm}} + \underline{\hspace{1cm}})$

4) $3x + 6 = 3(\underline{\hspace{1cm}} + \underline{\hspace{1cm}})$

5) $4x + 8 = 4(\underline{\hspace{1cm}} + \underline{\hspace{1cm}})$

6) $3y + 9 = 3(\underline{\hspace{1cm}} + \underline{\hspace{1cm}})$

7) $4x + 6 = 2(\underline{\hspace{1cm}} + \underline{\hspace{1cm}})$

8) $9y + 6 = 3(\underline{\hspace{1cm}} + \underline{\hspace{1cm}})$

Algebra Review

Simplify the following expressions if possible

1) $a + a + a = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

2) $a \times a = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

3) $2a \times a = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

4) $a^2 + 2a^2 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

5) $a^2 + 2a = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

6) $5\pi + 2\pi = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

7) $5a - 6a = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

8) $2a + 3b = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

9) $a \times a^2 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

10) $4a \div 2 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

11) $4a \div 2a = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

12) $2a \times 3a \times 4 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

Work out the answers to

13) $-4 - 3 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

14) $-2 + 7 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

15) $6 - 8 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

16) $3 \times -2 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

17) $-4 \times -3 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

18) $-8 \times 2 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

19) $-3 \times 2 + -4 \times -2 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

20) $-3 + 5 - 8 - 4 + 2 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

Expand

21) $3(2x + 3) = \underline{\hspace{3cm}}$

22) $x(x + 1) = \underline{\hspace{3cm}}$

23) $4x(3 - 2x) = \underline{\hspace{3cm}}$

24) $-2(3 - 2x) = \underline{\hspace{3cm}}$

Expand and simplify

25) $3(x - 3) + 2(5 - 2x) = \underline{\hspace{3cm}}$

Expand

$= \underline{\hspace{3cm}}$

Simplify

26) $4(2x - 1) - 2(3x - 2) = \underline{\hspace{3cm}}$

Expand

$= \underline{\hspace{3cm}}$

Simplify

27) $7 - (4 - x) = \underline{\hspace{3cm}}$

Expand

$= \underline{\hspace{3cm}}$

Simplify

28) $x(x - 2) - 3x(2x + 1) = \underline{\hspace{3cm}}$

Expand

$= \underline{\hspace{3cm}}$

Simplify

Factorise

29) $4x + 8 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

30) $3x^2 - 7x = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

31) $9x^2 - 6x = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

32) $4ab^2 - 6a^2b = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

Expanding and Factorising Quadratics

Expand and simplify the following

1) $(x + 2)(x + 3)$

5) $(x+3)^2$

2) $(x - 4)(x + 3)$

6) $(2x - 3)(4x + 1)$

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

7) $(3x - 1)(3x + 1)$

4) $(x - 2)(x - 7)$

8) $(2 - x)(x - 3)$

Find two numbers that

Qu.	Times to make	Add to make	Answers	Qu.	Times to make	Add to make	Answers
9)	6	5		14)	-12	-4	
10)	8	6		15)	-24	2	
11)	-8	2		16)	10	-11	
12)	-6	1		17)	-16	0	
13)	8	-6		18)	0	4	

Factorise these quadratics

23) $x^2 - 8x + 15 = (x \quad)(x \quad)$

19) $x^2 + 6x + 8 = (x \quad)(x \quad)$

24) $x^2 - 25 = (x \quad)(x \quad)$

2 numbers times to make 8

Add to make 6

20) $x^2 + 10x + 21 = (x \quad)(x \quad)$

25) $x^2 - x - 20 = (x \quad)(x \quad)$

2 numbers times to make

Add to make

26) $x^2 - 10x + 16 = (x \quad)(x \quad)$

21) $x^2 - x - 6 = (x \quad)(x \quad)$

27) $x^2 + 5x - 24 = (x \quad)(x \quad)$

2 numbers times to make

Add to make

22) $x^2 - 2x - 15 = (x \quad)(x \quad)$

28) $x^2 - 2x - 35 = (x \quad)(x \quad)$

2 numbers times to make

Add to make

29) $x^2 + 8x + 7 = (x \quad)(x \quad)$

30) $x^2 - 100 = (x \quad)(x \quad)$

Algebra Revision

Expand

1) $3(2x + 3) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ 2) $x(x + 1) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

3) $4x(3 - 2x) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

Expand and simplify

4) $3(x - 3) + 2(5 - 2x) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{ Expand}$

$= \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{ Simplify}$

5) $4(2x - 1) - 2(3x - 2) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{ Expand}$

$= \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{ Simplify}$

6) $7 - 2(4 - x) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{ Expand}$

$= \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{ Simplify}$

Expand

7) $(x + 1)(x + 3) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{ simplify}$

times	x	+1
x		
+3		

8) $(x - 1)^2 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{ simplify}$

this means $(x - 1)(x - 1)$

times	x	-1
x		
-1		

9) $(x - 2)(2x + 3) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{ simplify}$

Factorise

10) $x^2 + 3x + 2 = (x + \underline{\hspace{1cm}})(x + \underline{\hspace{1cm}}) \text{ two numbers, times make 2, add make 3}$

11) $x^2 + 7x + 6 = (x + \underline{\hspace{1cm}})(x + \underline{\hspace{1cm}}) \text{ two numbers, times make 6, add make 7}$

12) $x^2 + 7x + 12 = (x + \underline{\hspace{1cm}})(x + \underline{\hspace{1cm}}) \text{ two numbers, times make 12, add make 7}$

Factorise

13) $4x + 8 = 4(\underline{\hspace{1cm}} + \underline{\hspace{1cm}})$

14) $2x^2 - x = x(\underline{\hspace{1cm}} - \underline{\hspace{1cm}})$

15) $9x^2 - 6x = 3x(\underline{\hspace{1cm}} - \underline{\hspace{1cm}})$

Multiplying out or expanding

What type of factorising

Single bracket

$$2(x - 4)$$

$$x(x + 2)$$

$$2x(3x - 1)$$

Two brackets

$$(x + 2)(x + 4)$$

$$(x - 1)(x + 4)$$

$$(x - 2)(x - 5)$$

Single bracket

$$3x + 6$$

$$x^2 - 4x$$

$$4x^2 - 8x$$

$$6a^2b - 4ab^2$$

Two brackets

$$x^2 + 5x + 6$$

$$x^2 - x - 6$$

$$x^2 + x - 6$$

$$x^2 - 5x + 6$$

$$x^2 - 36$$

Multiply out (Expand)

$$1) x(2x - 3)$$

$$2) 7(x - 2)$$

$$3) 3x(2 - x)$$

$$4) (x - 2)(x + 7)$$

$$5) (x - 4)(x - 5)$$

$$6) (x + 2)(2 - x)$$

$$7) (x + 5)(x - 5)$$

$$8) (2x - 3)(3x - 2)$$

Factorise

$$1) 4x + 2$$

$$2) 6x^2 - x$$

$$3) 6x^2 - 2x$$

$$4) x^2 - 16$$

$$5) x^2 + 5x + 4$$

$$6) x^2 - 5x + 4$$

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

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

Expressions

Add and take

$$3x + 2y - 5 + 6x - 4y - 2$$

$$4a^2 + 5a^2$$

$$9x^2y^3 - 6x^2y^3 + 2x^3y^2$$

Expand single brackets

$$3(x - 3)$$

$$y(y + 2)$$

$$2x(3x + 4)$$

Factorise into 1 bracket

$$2x + 6$$

$$x^2 - 2x$$

$$4x^2 + 6x$$

$$10a^2b^3 + 15a^3b^2$$

Multiply

$$5 \times 3a$$

$$5x \times 2x$$

$$4a^2 \times 3a^3$$

Expand two brackets

$$(x - 3)(x + 7)$$

$$(x + 1)(x + 6)$$

$$(x - 3)(x - 4)$$

$$(x - 2)^2$$

Factorise into 2 brackets

$$x^2 + 6x + 8$$

$$x^2 - x - 12$$

$$x^2 + 2x - 15$$

$$x^2 - 6x + 5$$

$$x^2 - 25$$

Divide

$$6x \div 2$$

$$8y^3 \div 2y$$

$$\frac{12x^2y^3}{3xy^2}$$

Expand and simplify

$$2(3x + 5) + 4(x - 3)$$

$$3(x - 2) - 2(x - 4)$$

$$3x - (x - 4)$$

Set A Qu. 1 Factorise $3x + 12$ How many brackets?	Set A Qu. 2 Factorise $x^2 - x - 12$ How many brackets?	Set A Qu. 3 Factorise $x^2 + 2x$ How many brackets?	Set A Qu. 4 Factorise $4x^2 + 10x$ How many brackets?	Set A Qu. 5 Factorise $x^2 + 7x + 12$ How many brackets?
Set A Qu. 6 Factorise $x^2 + 2x - 8$ How many brackets?	Set A Qu. 7 Factorise $x^2 - 5x + 6$ How many brackets?	Set A Qu. 8 Factorise $x^3 + 3x^2$ How many brackets?	Set A Qu. 9 Factorise $x^2 - 16$ How many brackets?	Set A Qu. 10 Factorise $6x^2 - 16x^3$ How many brackets?

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x^2 term	x term	number term	
			$2x^2 + 3x - 9$

Multiply x^2 term and number term together

$$2 \times 3 = 6$$

Find two numbers that multiply together make this new number but add to make the x term

times = 6
add = 5 2 and 3

Split the x term using these two numbers

$$5x = 2x + 3x$$

Re-write the equation using this split

$$2x^2 + 2x + 3x + 3$$

Factorise the front two pairs and the back two pairs creating the same term in the brackets

$$2x(x + 1) + 3(x + 1)$$

Factorise again to give the answer

$$(x + 1)(2x + 3)$$

Factorise these quadratics

$$1) 6x^2 + 5x + 1 =$$

$$5) 6x^2 - 5x + 1 =$$

$$9) 9x^2 - 4 =$$

$$2) 2x^2 + 11x + 12 =$$

$$6) 4x^2 - 8x + 3 =$$

$$10) 9a^2 - b^2 =$$

$$3) 2x^2 - x - 6 =$$

$$7) x^2 - 16 =$$

$$4) 4x^2 - 7x - 2 =$$

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

By putting the factorised version (from above) of each quadratic into the fraction, simplify the fraction

$$\text{Qu. 1} \quad \frac{2x^2 + 11x + 12}{2x^2 - x - 6}$$

$$\text{Qu. 4} \quad \frac{2x^2 + 11x + 12}{x^2 - 16}$$

$$\text{Qu. 2} \quad \frac{2x^2 - x - 6}{4x^2 - 7x - 2}$$

$$\text{Qu. 5} \quad \frac{2x^2 - x - 6}{x^2 - 4}$$

$$\text{Qu. 3} \quad \frac{6x^2 - 5x + 1}{4x^2 - 8x + 3}$$

$$\text{Qu. 6} \quad \frac{9x^2 - 4}{4x^2 - 8x + 3}$$

Algebraic Fractions

$$1) \quad \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y}$$

$$6) \quad \frac{1}{x+1} + \frac{1}{x+2}$$

$$2) \quad \frac{a}{x} + \frac{b}{y}$$

$$7) \quad \frac{2}{x+1} + \frac{3}{x-2}$$

$$3) \quad \frac{2}{x} - \frac{3}{y}$$

$$8) \quad \frac{x-1}{x+1} - \frac{x+1}{x+2}$$

$$4) \quad \frac{a}{x} \times \frac{b}{y}$$

$$9) \quad \frac{1}{x+1} \times \frac{1}{x+2}$$

$$5) \quad \frac{3}{x} \div \frac{2}{y}$$

$$10) \quad \frac{1}{x+1} \div \frac{1}{x+2}$$