

## Solving by Completing the Square

### Solving Quadratic Equations by Completing the Square

1. Move the constant to the other side.
2. Add  $\left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2$  to **BOTH** sides of the equation.
3. Factor! Write as binomial squared:  $(\quad)^2$
4. Take the square root of both sides.
5. Solve for x.
6. Check your answers!!!

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Solve each equation.

1.  $x^2 - 10x + 54 = 0$

$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

$\left(\frac{-10}{2}\right)^2$

$x^2 - 10x = -54$

$x^2 - 10x + 25 = -54 + 25$

$(x - 5)(x - 5) =$

$\sqrt{(x - 5)^2} = \sqrt{-29}$

$x - 5 = \pm i\sqrt{29}$

$x = 5 \pm i\sqrt{29}$

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2.  $x^2 - 18x + 85 = 0$

$x^2 - 18x + 81 = -85 + 81$

$\left(\frac{-18}{2}\right)^2 (x - 9)(x - 9)$

$\sqrt{(x - 9)^2} = \sqrt{-4}$

$x - 9 = \pm 2i$

$x = 9 \pm 2i$

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3.  $x^2 + 20x - 73 = 0$

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

$x^2 + 20x + 100 = 73 + 100$

$\sqrt{(x + 10)^2} = \sqrt{173}$

$x + 10 = \pm \sqrt{173}$

$x = -10 \pm \sqrt{173}$

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4.  $x^2 + 6x + 9 = 89$

$x^2 + 6x + 9 = -82 + 9$

$(x + 3)^2 = -73$

$x + 3 = \pm \sqrt{-73}$

$x = -3 \pm i\sqrt{73}$

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$$3. \frac{4x^2 + 32x + 16}{4} = 0$$

$$x^2 + 8x + 4 = 0$$

$$\left(\frac{8}{2}\right)^2 \quad x^2 + 8x + 16 = -4 + 16$$

$$\sqrt{(x+4)^2} = \sqrt{12}$$

$$x+4 = \pm 2\sqrt{3}$$

$$x = -4 \pm 2\sqrt{3}$$

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$$5. x^2 - 10x - 56 = 6$$

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$$6. x^2 - 14x + 75 = -8$$

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$$7. x^2 - 8x + 36 = 0$$

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Find the value of c that completes the square.

1)  $p^2 - 28p + c$

2)  $x^2 + 18x + c$

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3)  $x^2 + 28x + c$

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$$4) x^2 + 30x + c$$

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$$5) x^2 - 22x + c$$

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$$6) p^2 - 10p + c$$

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$$7) x^2 + 8x + c$$

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$$8) r^2 - 20r + c$$

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$$9) p^2 - 2p + c$$

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10)  $n^2 + 42n + c$

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11)  $x^2 - \frac{2}{5}x + c$

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12)  $p^2 - 5p + c$

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13)  $n^2 - 19n + c$

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14)  $n^2 + 15n + c$

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**Solve each equation by completing the square.**

1)  $k^2 - 14k - 32 = 0$

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$$2) a^2 - 12a - 45 = 0$$

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$$3) r^2 + 2r + 22 = 0$$

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$$4) n^2 + 10n - 24 = 0$$

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$$5) 8p^2 - 16p - 42 = 0$$

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$$6) x^2 - 14x - 20 = 0$$

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$$7) n^2 - 4n - 45 = 0$$

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$$8) 6b^2 + 12b + 71 = 7$$

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$$9) 8b^2 + 16b + 61 = 8$$

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$$10) 3a^2 - 6a + 64 = 2$$

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$$11) 3b^2 + 12b - 27 = 6$$

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$$12) 5p^2 + 10p - 18 = -3$$

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$$13) 8r^2 - 16r + 17 = 7$$

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$$14) 2n^2 + 8n + 14 = 8$$

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