

Multiplying Polynomials

Monomial (one term) times Binomial (two terms):

Simplify: $5(2x + 7)$ Example
 $5 \cdot 2x + 5 \cdot 7$ Distributive property
 $10x + 35$ Multiplication of factors

Simplify: $(5x - 3)(-4y)$ Example
 $(-4y)(5x) - (-4y)(3)$ Distributive property
 $-20xy + 12y$ Multiplication of factors

Binomial (2 terms) times Binomial (2 terms):

Simplify: $(2x + 7)(5x + 3)$

1. Multiply First terms
2. Multiply Outside terms
3. Multiply Inside terms
4. Multiply Last terms

$$\frac{2x \cdot 5x}{\text{First}} + \frac{2x \cdot 3}{\text{Outside}} + \frac{7 \cdot 5x}{\text{Inside}} + \frac{7 \cdot 3}{\text{Last}} \quad \text{Distributive property}$$

Spells "FOIL"

Did you notice that the first letter of each word **F-O-I-L spells FOIL???**
This is a trick to help you remember the steps to multiplying 2 binomials!

$$10x^2 + 6x + 35x + 21 \quad \text{Multiplication of factors}$$

$$10x^2 + 41x + 21 \quad \text{Addition of like terms}$$

Binomial (2 terms) times Binomial (2 terms) continued:

These problems use the same method as on the previous page.
But they **LOOK** different because there is no middle term!

Simplify: $(5x + 2)(5x - 2)$

$$5x \cdot 5x - 5x \cdot 2 + 5x \cdot 2 - 2 \cdot 2$$

$$25x^2 - 10x + 10x - 4$$

$$25x^2 - 4$$

Example

Distributive property

Multiplication of factors

Combine like terms

Note: This answer is called:

Difference of squares

because it is subtraction and both terms are perfect squares.

Simplify: $(x + 4)^2$
 $x^2 + 8x + 16$ **MEANS** $(x + 4)(x + 4)$ Distribute:

1. $3(2x + 5)$
2. $8(3x - 2)$
3. $-4(5x + 3)$
4. $-5(2x - 5)$
5. $(3x - 2)(-6)$
6. $3x(5x + 2)$
7. $-2x(7x - 4)$
8. $5y(2x + 3m + 6)$
9. $(-x + 5r^2 - 7)(-2)$
10. $4x + 5(2y + 3)$

The $4x$ is a separate term and not part of the distributive property!

11. $(x + 5)(x + 3)$

12. $(3x + 5)(-2x + 1)$

13. $(2x + 3)(4m + 5)$

14. $(3x - 2)(2x - 5)$

15. $(5x^2 + 8)(2x - 3)$

16. $(4x - 3)(4x + 3)$

17. $(5y + 4)(5y - 4)$

18. $(2x - 5)^2$

19. $(7m + 3)^2$

Answers:

$6x + 15$

$24x - 16$

$-20x - 12$

$-10x + 25$

$-18x + 12$

$15x^2 + 6x$

$-14x^2 + 8x$

$10xy + 15my + 30y$

$2x - 10r^2 + 14$

$4x + 10y + 15$

$x^2 + 8x + 15$

$-6x^2 - 7x + 5$

$8mx + 10x + 12m + 15$

$6x^2 - 19x + 10$

$10x^3 - 15x^2 + 16x - 24$

$16x^2 - 9$

$25y^2 - 16$

$4x^2 - 20x + 25$

$49m^2 + 42m + 9$