

Practice

1. Expand, then simplify.

a) $(x + 3)(x + 5)$

b) $(n - 5)(n + 7)$

2. Use the distributive property to multiply, then simplify.

a) $(x - 10)(x + 4) = x(\underline{\quad}) - 10(\underline{\quad})$
 $= x(\underline{\quad}) + x(\underline{\quad}) - 10(\underline{\quad}) - 10(\underline{\quad})$
 $= \underline{\quad} + \underline{\quad} - \underline{\quad} - \underline{\quad}$
 $= \underline{\quad}$

b) $(n + 9)(n - 6) = n(\underline{\quad}) + 9(\underline{\quad})$
 $= n(\underline{\quad}) + n(\underline{\quad}) + 9(\underline{\quad}) + 9(\underline{\quad})$
 $= \underline{\quad} - \underline{\quad} + \underline{\quad} - \underline{\quad}$
 $= \underline{\quad}$

c) $(h - 7)(h - 4) = \underline{\quad}$

 $= \underline{\quad}$

3. Factor each trinomial.

a) $x^2 + 10x + 9$

b) $x^2 - 13x + 12$

c) $n^2 - 8n - 20$

d) $c^2 + 7c - 18$

3.5 8. a) Simplify $(c - 6)(c - 5)$

b) Simplify $(h - 4)(h + 7)$

9. a) Factor $x^2 + 9x + 8$

b) Factor $x^2 - 8x + 15$