Lesson 5.3

## Factoring Trinomials

## Show You Know

Ex. 1
Factor, if possible.
a) $x^{2}+7 x+10$
b) $r^{2}-10 r s+9 s^{2}$

Ex. 2
Factor, if possible.
a) $2 x^{2}+7 x-4$
b) $-3 s^{2}-51 s-30$
c) $2 y^{2}+7 x y+3 x$

## Ex. 3

A rescue worker launches a signal flare into the air from the side of a mountain. The height of the flare can be represented by the formula $h=-16 t^{2}+144 t+160$. In the formula, $h$ is the height, in feet, above ground, and $t$ is the time, in seconds.
a) What is the factored form of the formula?
b) What is the height of the flare after 5.6 s ?

## Practice

1. Factor, if possible. a) b) c) d) e) f)

| $y^{2}+8 y+12$ | $x^{2}+10 x+21$ | $a^{2}-19 a+90$ |
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| $y^{2}-4 y-6$ | $m^{2}-m n-42 n^{2}$ | $b^{2}+19 b+34$ |
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2. Determine at least two values of $d$ that allow each expression to be factored.

| $a^{2}+d a+6$ | $w^{2}+d w-15$ |
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| $y^{2}-d y+18$ | $r^{2}-d r-14$ |
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3. The penalty area on a soccer field can be represented by the trinomial $6 x^{2}-2 x-48$.
a. Factor the trinomial to determine a binomial that represents the width and the length of the area.
b. The unit used for soccer fields is the yard. What are the dimensions of the area if $x=12 y d$ ?
4. A rectangular prism has the volume as shown.

a. Factor the expression that represents the volume to determine the length of each of the sides of the prism.
b. If $x=5 \mathrm{~cm}$, determine the lengths of the sides and the volume of the rectangular prism.
