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NOTES: FACTOR A TRINOMIAL WHEN $A \neq 1$

Steps to Factor Using the Slide and Divide Method

1. _____ "a" into "c."
2. _____ like a basic trinomial.
3. _____ "a" out of last terms in each binomial, and simplify the fractions.
4. _____ denominator into first terms.

Examples: Factor the following trinomials.

1. $3x^2 - 8x + 4$

2. $4x^2 - 15x - 25$

3. $6x^2 + 37x + 6$

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6. $2x^2 - 3x - 5$

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8. $5x^2 - x - 4$

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Steps to Factor Using the Grouping Method

1. Find the _____ of "ac" that also have a _____ of "b."



2. Use the factors to split the _____ term into two terms, creating a 4-term polynomial.

$ax^2 + bx + c$
 $ax^2 + fx + fx + c$

3. Factor by _____.

$(ax^2 + fx)(+fx + c)$

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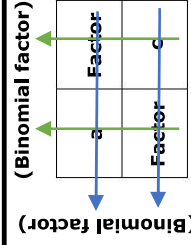


1. Find the _____ of "ac" that also have a _____ of "b."

2. Draw a 2 by 2 "box" and place the terms (including the variables) in the grid as follows:

a	Factor
Factor	c

3. Factor out a GCF from each row & column. Your GCFs become your binomial factors!



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