#### Maths

# Solve Quadratic Equations by Completing the Square

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1. Solve the equations without expanding the brackets.

a) 
$$(x + 2)^2 - 9 = 0$$

b) 
$$(x + 7)^2 - 1 = 0$$

c) 
$$(x - 15)^2 + 4 = 40$$

2. Solve the equations without expanding the brackets. Give your answers in exact form.

a) 
$$(x + 5)^2 - 26 = 0$$

b) 
$$(x + 10)^2 - 29 = 0$$

c) 
$$(x-3)^2+2=15$$



3. Solve by completing the square. Give your answers in exact form.

a) 
$$x^2 - 18x + 91 = 0$$

b) 
$$x^2 + 32x + 437 = 0$$

c) 
$$x^2 - 38x - 150 = 0$$

4. Solve by completing the square. Give your answers in exact form.

a) 
$$x^2 - 8x - 24 = 0$$

b) 
$$x^2 + 50x + 125 = 0$$

c) 
$$x^2 - \frac{2}{3}x - \frac{5}{7} = 0$$



## **Answers**



1. Solve the equations without expanding the brackets.

a) 
$$(x + 2)^2 - 9 = 0$$
  $x = -5, x = 1$ 

b) 
$$(x + 7)^2 - 1 = 0$$
  $x = -8, x = -6$ 

c) 
$$(x - 15)^2 + 4 = 40 x = 21, x = 9$$

2. Solve the equations without expanding the brackets. Give your answers in exact form.

a) 
$$(x+5)^2 - 26 = 0$$
  $x = -5 \pm \sqrt{26}$ 

b) 
$$(x + 10)^2 - 29 = 0$$
  $x = -10 \pm \sqrt{29}$ 

c) 
$$(x-3)^2 + 2 = 15$$
  $x = 3 \pm \sqrt{13}$ 



3. Solve by completing the square. Give your answers in exact form.

a) 
$$x^2 - 18x + 91 = 0$$
  $x = 9 \pm \sqrt{10}$ 

b) 
$$x^2 + 32x + 437 = 0$$
  $x = -16 \pm \sqrt{181}$ 

c) 
$$x^2 - 38x - 150 = 0$$
  $x = 19 \pm \sqrt{511}$ 

4. Solve by completing the square. Give your answers in exact form.

a) 
$$x^2 - 8x - 24 = 0$$
  $x = 4 \pm 2\sqrt{10}$ 

b) 
$$x^2 + 50x + 125 = 0$$
  $x = -25 \pm 10\sqrt{5}$ 

c) 
$$x^2 - \frac{2}{3}x - \frac{5}{7} = 0$$
  $x = \frac{1}{3} \pm \frac{2\sqrt{91}}{21}$ 

