

**Simplify...**

1.  $(x-2)(x+2)$

$$x^2 + \cancel{2x} - \cancel{2x} - 4$$
$$x^2 - 4$$

2.  $(x+5)(x-5)$

$$x^2 - \cancel{5x} + \cancel{5x} - 25$$
$$x^2 - 25$$

What did you notice?

# Difference of Squares!

Factor:

$$\begin{aligned} 1. \quad & x^2 - 16 \\ & (x)^2 - (4)^2 \\ = & (x+4)(x-4) \end{aligned}$$

## Difference of Squares!

Factor:

$$\begin{aligned} 2. \quad & -25 + z^2 \\ & z^2 - 25 \\ & (z)^2 - (5)^2 \\ & (z+5)(z-5) \end{aligned}$$

$$36x^2 - 49$$

$$(6x)^2 - (7)^2$$

$$(6x+7)(6x-7)$$

$$64y^2x^2 - 16z^2$$

$$(8yx)^2 - (4z)^2$$

$$(8yx+4z)(8yx-4z)$$



$$r^8 - 100$$

$$(r^4)^2 - (10)^2$$

$$(r^4 + 10)(r^4 - 10)$$

$$81m^2 - 25n^4$$

$$(9m)^2 - (5n^2)^2$$

$$(9m + 5n^2)(9m - 5n^2)$$



Try these...

$$1. x^2 - 100$$

$$(x)^2 - (10)^2$$

$$(x+10)(x-10)$$

$$2. -36 + y^2$$

$$y^2 - 36$$

$$(y)^2 - (6)^2$$

$$(y+6)(y-6)$$

$$3. 81x^2 - 49b^2$$

$$(9x)^2 - (7b)^2$$

$$(9x+7b)(9x-7b)$$

$$4. (\text{Math})^2 - 4$$

$$(\text{Math})^2 - (2)^2$$

$$(\text{Math}+2)(\text{Math}-2)$$

$$5. \frac{9}{64} - z^2$$

$$\left(\frac{3}{8}\right)^2 - (z)^2$$

$$\left(\frac{3}{8}+z\right)\left(\frac{3}{8}-z\right)$$

$$6. p^{10} - 64$$

$$(p^5)^2 - (8)^2$$

$$(p^5+8)(p^5-8)$$

## The ultimate question!

$$(x - 3)^2 - 25(w + 2)^2$$