

LESSON

Practice A**5-4** *Completing the Square*

Solve each equation using square roots.
The first one is done for you.

1. $(x + 1)^2 = 9$

$x + 1 = \sqrt{9}$

$$x + 1 = \pm 3,$$

$$x = -4 \text{ or } 2$$

2. $(x - 2)^2 = 16$

$x - 2 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

3. $(x + 3)^2 = 25$

$x + 3 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

To complete the square of $x^2 + bx$, add $\left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2$ to the expression.

Write the term needed to complete the square for each expression.

The first one is done for you.

4. $x^2 + 4x$

$$\left(\frac{4}{2}\right)^2$$

5. $x^2 + 2x$

6. $x^2 - 8x$

Solve each equation by completing the square.

7. $x^2 + 10x = 20$

a. Add $\left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2$ to each side of the equation.

$$x^2 + 10x + \underline{\hspace{2cm}} = 20 + \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

b. Simplify.

$$x^2 + 10x + \underline{\hspace{2cm}} = 20 + \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

c. Factor the square.

$$(x + \underline{\hspace{2cm}})(x + \underline{\hspace{2cm}}) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

d. Take square root of both sides.

$$x + \underline{\hspace{2cm}} = \sqrt{\underline{\hspace{2cm}}}$$

e. Solve for x .

$$x = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

8. $x^2 - 6x - 23 = 0$

9. $x^2 + 13 = -14x$

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$$2. (x - 2)^2 = 16$$

$$x - 2 = \sqrt{16}$$

$$x - 2 = \pm 4,$$

$$x = -2 \text{ or } 6$$

$$3. (x + 3)^2 = 25$$

$$x + 3 = \sqrt{25}$$

$$x + 3 = \pm 5,$$

$$x = -8 \text{ or } 2$$

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$$\left(\frac{2}{2}\right)^2$$

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

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a. Add $\left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2$ to each side of the equation.

$$x^2 + 10x + \left(\frac{10}{2}\right)^2 = 20 + \left(\frac{10}{2}\right)^2$$

b. Simplify.

$$x^2 + 10x + 25 = 20 + 25$$

c. Factor the square.

$$(x + 5)(x + 5) = 45$$

d. Take square root of both sides.

$$x + 5 = \sqrt{45}$$

e. Solve for x .

$$x = -5 \pm 3\sqrt{5}$$

$$8. x^2 - 6x - 23 = 0$$

$$x = 3 \pm 4\sqrt{2}$$

$$9. x^2 + 13 = -14x$$

$$x = -13, -1$$