

Brackets

1. Break the following brackets.

- a) $5(x-4) \rightarrow 5x-20$
b) $-2(x-5) \rightarrow -2x+10$
c) $-3(2x+1) \rightarrow -6x-3$
d) $5(3x+2) \rightarrow 15x+10$

2. Simplify the following.

- a) $6-2(y+1) \rightarrow 6-2y-2 \rightarrow 4-2y$
b) $5-(n-1) \rightarrow 5-n+1 \rightarrow 6-n$
c) $10+4(x-2) \rightarrow 10+4x-8 \rightarrow 2+4x$
d) $4+(8w-1) \rightarrow 4+8w-1 \rightarrow 3+8w$
e) $3(x-2)-2(x+1) \rightarrow 3x-6-2x-2$
 $\rightarrow x-8$

3. Solve the following equations

- a) $3(y-1)=15$ b) $5(u+1)+3=18$
 $3y-3=15$ $5u+5+3=18$
 $3y=12$ $5u+8=18$
 $y=4$ $5u=10$
 $u=2$
- c) $5(x-1)=3(x+1)$ d) $5(k-3)=3(k-1)$
 $5x-5=3x+3$ $5k-15=3k-3$
 $2x=8$ $2k=12$
 $x=4$ $k=6$
- e) $5-2(x+1)=x$ f) $x-3(x-2)=3(2-x)$
 $5-2x-2=x$ $x-3x+6=6-3x$
 $3=3x$ $-2x+6=6-3x$
 $1=x$ $x=0$
- g) $6(x-1)-5=4-(x+1)$
 $6x-6-5=4-x-1$
 $6x-11=3-x$
 $7x=14$
 $x=2$

Solutions to Practice Examples

4. Multiply out using FOIL

- a) $(x+3)(x+2) \rightarrow x^2+5x+6$
b) $(m+1)(m+1) \rightarrow m^2+2m+1$
c) $(u-5)(u-6) \rightarrow u^2-11u+30$
d) $(z-4)(z+5) \rightarrow z^2+z-20$
e) $(2c-4)(3c-2) \rightarrow 6c^2-16c+8$

5. Using multiplication tables

- a) $(x+2)(x^2-3x+1) \rightarrow x^3-x^2-5x+2$
b) $(x-3)(x^2+x-3) \rightarrow x^3-2x^2-6x+9$
c) $(x-1)(x^2-2x-4) \rightarrow x^3-3x^2-2x+4$

6. Multiply out these brackets

- a) $(p+1)^2 \rightarrow p^2+2p+1$
b) $(m-2)^2 \rightarrow m^2-4m+4$
c) $(m-n)^2 \rightarrow m^2-2mn+n^2$
d) $(2x-3)^2 \rightarrow 4x^2-12x+9$
e) $(x-3y)^2 \rightarrow x^2-6xy+9y^2$
f) $\left(x-\frac{1}{x}\right)^2 \rightarrow x^2-2-\frac{1}{x^2}$

7. Solve these equations

- a) $x^2-x(x+3)=6$ b) $(t-5)^2=(t-1)^2$
 $x^2-x^2-3x=6$ $t^2-10t+25=t^2-2t+1$
 $-3x=6$ $-10t+25=-2t+1$
 $x=-2$ $24=8t$
 $3=t$
- c) $(4p+1)(p-1)=(2p-1)^2$
 $4p^2-3p-1=4p^2-4p+1$
 $-3p-1=-4p+1$
 $p=2$