



# **Factorising special double brackets (perfect squares, difference between squares)**

Mana Maths

# Te reo Māori terms



**whakatauwehe**

factorise

Open in Te Aka

**tapawhā**

square

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**kīanga**

expression

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**taiapa**

bracket

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# Factorising special double brackets (perfect squares, difference between squares) – Foundation

1. Factorise  $x^2 + 6x + 2$ .    2. Factorise  $x^2 + 10x + 25$ .    3. Factorise  $a^2 + 8a + 16$ .    4. Factorise  $y^2 + 14y + 49$ .

5. Factorise  $m^2 - 4m + 4$ .    6. Factorise  $p^2 - 12p + 36$ .    7. Factorise  $b^2 - 2b + 1$ .    8. Factorise  $c^2 - 18c + 81$ .

9. Factorise  $x^2 - 16$ .    10. Factorise  $a^2 - 25$ .    11. Factorise  $y^2 - 49$ .    12. Factorise  $m^2 - 81$ .

13. Fill in:  $x^2 + 12x + 36 = (x + \square)^2$ .  
14. Fill in:  $p^2 - 64 = (p - \square)(p + \square)$ .

# Factorising special double brackets (perfect squares, difference between squares) — Proficient

1. Factorise  $x^2 + 18x + 81$ . 2. Factorise  $a^2 - 14a + 49$ . 3. Factorise  $4y^2 + 12y + 9$ . 4. Factorise  $9m^2 - 24m + 16$ .

5. Factorise  $25p^2 - 1$ . 6. Factorise  $4b^2 - 49$ . 7. Factorise  $36c^2 - d^2$ . 8. Factorise  $49r^2 - 81$ .

9. Fill in:  $x^2 - 20x + 100 = (\quad)^2$ .  $16a^2 - b^2 = (4a - b)(4a + b)$ .  $36 = 6^2$ . Pick one out:  
 $y^2 - 9, (y - 3)(y + 3),$   
 $(y - 9)(y + 1),$   
 $3^2$ .

# Factorising special double brackets (perfect squares, difference between squares) — Excellence

1. Factorise  $x^2 + 16x + 64$ .
2. Factorise  $9a^2 + 30a + 25$ .
3. Factorise  $16y^2 - 40y + 25$ .
4. Factorise  $81m^2 - n^2$ .
5. Factorise  $x^4 - 81$ .
6. Factorise  $25p^2q^2 - 4$ .
7. Factorise fully  $x^4 - 16$ .
8. Factorise fully  $81a^2b^2 - 1$ .
9. Fill in:  $4x^2 + 20x + 25 = (2x + 5)^2$ .
10. Fill in:  $49m^2 - 64 = (7m - 8)(7m + 8)$  (Correct?)  
 $x^2 - 2x + 1 = (x - 1)^2$  (Correct?)  
 $9y^2 - 25 = (3y - 5)(3y + 5)$  (Correct?)

- 13.** Which does not belong:  $a^2 - 64$ ,  $(a - 8)(a + 8)$ ,  $(a - 4)^2$ ,  $8^2$ ?
- 14.** Write brackets for  $36x^2 + 60x + 25$ .
- 15.** Write brackets for  $100 - b^2$ .
- 16.** Explain how you can tell whether a quadratic is a perfect square trinomial or a difference of squares.