

## Worksheet

1. Fill in the blanks.
  - a. The process of finding the factors of a given expression is called \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. The factors of  $7x + 49y$  are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. If a factor of the expression  $25x^2 - 16$  is  $5x - 4$ , then the other factor is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - d. To factorise a polynomoiial, divide the polynomial by the \_\_\_\_\_ of the terms.
2. Factorise:
  - a.  $2p(a - b) + 3q(5a - 5b) + 4r(2b - 2a)$
  - b.  $ab(a^2 + b^2 - c^2) + bc(a^2 + b^2 - c^2) - ca(a^2 + b^2 - c^2)$
  - c.  $x(x^2 + y^2 - z^2) + y(-x^2 - y^2 + z^2) - z(x^2 + y^2 - z^2)$
3. Factorise each of the following by grouping the terms.
  - a.  $a^3x + a^2(x - y) - a(y + z) - z$
  - b.  $(x^2 + 3x)^2 - 5(x^2 + 3x) - y(x^2 + 3x) + 5y$
4. Factorise:
  - a.  $\frac{9}{25}x^2 - \frac{25}{81}y^2$
  - b.  $144x^4 - \frac{1}{49}$
  - c.  $x^{12}y^{16} - 1.96x^{42}$
5. Factorise each of the following algebraic expressions.
  - a.  $x^8 - y^8$
  - b.  $a^{12}x^4 - a^4x^{12}$
6. Factorise the following by splitting the middle terms.
  - a.  $8 - 9x + x^2$
  - b.  $x^2 + 2x - 8$
  - c.  $y^2 - 5y + 6$
  - d.  $y^2 - 35 - 2y$
7. Factorise:
  - a.  $4a^2 - 9b^2 - 2a - 3b$
  - b.  $x^2 + 2xy + y^2 - a^2 + 2ab - b^2$
  - c.  $3 - 12(a - b)^2$
  - d.  $x(x + z) - y(y + z)$
8. Factorise:
  - a.  $9(x - 2y)^2 - 4(x - 2y) - 13$
  - b.  $8(a + 1)^2 + 2(a + 1)(b + 2) - 15(b + 2)^2$
9. Give possible expressions for the length and breadth of the rectangle whose area is  $25a^2 - 35a + 12$ .
10. If one of the factor of the algebraic expression  $1 - a^2 - b^2 - 2ab$  is  $(1 + a + b)$ , find the other.
11. Factorise each of the following:
  - a.  $3x^2 - 6x$
  - b.  $10x^2y - 15x^4y^2$
  - c.  $3(2yz^2 + 4yz) - 5(3yz^2 + 6yz)$
12. Factorise:
  - a.  $\left(4\frac{3}{5}\right)^2 - \left(7\frac{1}{2}x\right)^2$
  - b.  $\frac{p^4q^4}{121} - \frac{x^8y^8}{256}$

13. Factorise each of the following expressions.
- $64x^4y^4 + 26x^3y$
  - $25a^2b^2c^4 + 45abc^8$
14. What are the possible expressions for the dimensions of a cuboid whose volume is  $2ky^2 + 6ky - 20k$ .

## Answers to Worksheet

- a. factorisation
- a.  $(a - b)(2p + 15q - 8r)$   
b.  $7, x + 7y$   
c.  $(5x + 4)$   
d. HCF
- a.  $(x^2 + y^2 - z^2)(x - y - z)$
- a.  $(a + 1)(a^2x - ay - z)$   
b.  $(x^2 + 3x - 5)(x^2 + 3x - y)$   
c.  $\left(\frac{3}{5}x - \frac{5}{9}y\right)\left(\frac{3}{5}x + \frac{5}{9}y\right)$   
d.  $\left(12x^2 - \frac{1}{7}\right)\left(12x^2 + \frac{1}{7}\right)$   
e.  $x^{12}(y^8 - 1.4x^{15})(y^8 + 1.4x^{15})$
- a.  $(x - y)(x + y)(x^2 + y^2)(x^4 + y^4)$   
b.  $a^4x^4(a^4 + x^4)(a^2 + x^2)(a + x)(a - x)$
- a.  $(x - 1)(x - 8)$   
b.  $(x - 2)(x + 4)$   
c.  $(y - 2)(y - 3)$   
d.  $(y - 7)(y + 5)$
- a.  $(2a + 3b)(2a - 3b - 1)$   
b.  $(x + y + a - b)(x + y - a + b)$   
c.  $3(1 + 2a - 2b)(1 - 2a + 2b)$   
d.  $(x - y)(x + y + z)$
- a.  $(x - 2y + 1)(9x - 18y - 13)$   
b.  $(2a + 3b + 8)(4a - 5b - 6)$
- a.  $(5a - 4)$  and  $(5a - 3)$   
b.  $(1 - a - b)$
- a.  $3x(x - 2)$   
b.  $5x^2y(2 - 3x^2y)$   
c.  $-9yz(z + 2)$
- a.  $\left(4\frac{3}{5} - 7\frac{1}{2}x\right)\left(4\frac{3}{5} + 7\frac{1}{2}x\right)$   
b.  $\left(\frac{p^2q^2}{11} - \frac{x^4y^4}{16}\right)\left(\frac{p^2q^2}{11} + \frac{x^4y^4}{16}\right)$
- a.  $2x^3y(32xy^3 + 13)$   
b.  $5abc^4(5ab + 9c^4)$   
c.  $2k; (y + 5)$  and  $(y - 2)$