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Part 1: Foundational Knowledge

What is a binomial?

Hint: Think about the number of terms in the expression.

- A) An expression with one term
- B) An expression with two terms
- C) An expression with three terms
- D) An expression with four terms

Which of the following are examples of binomials? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Look for expressions with exactly two terms.

- A) $x + 5$
- B) $3x^2 + 2x + 1$
- C) $7y - 4$
- D) $a^2 + b^2 + c^2$

Explain the process of factoring a binomial using the Greatest Common Factor (GCF).

Hint: Consider how to identify the GCF of the terms.

List the steps involved in factoring a binomial that is a difference of squares.

Hint: Think about the formula for difference of squares.

1. Step 1

2. Step 2

3. Step 3

Part 2: Understanding Concepts

What is the factored form of the binomial $x^2 - 16$?

Hint: Consider if this expression fits the difference of squares pattern.

- A) $(x + 4)(x + 4)$
- B) $(x - 4)(x + 4)$
- C) $(x - 8)(x + 2)$
- D) $(x - 16)(x + 1)$

Which of the following binomials can be factored using the difference of squares method? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Look for expressions that are differences of perfect squares.

- A) $9x^2 - 25$
- B) $x^2 + 4$
- C) $16y^2 - 1$
- D) $25a^2 + 10a$

Describe how recognizing patterns in binomials can help in factoring them efficiently.

Hint: Think about how patterns simplify the factoring process.

Part 3: Applying Knowledge

Which expression is the result of factoring $4x^2 - 9$?

Hint: Consider if this expression fits the difference of squares pattern.

- A) $(2x + 3)(2x - 3)$
- B) $(4x + 3)(x - 3)$
- C) $(2x - 9)(2x + 1)$
- D) $(x + 3)(x - 3)$

Identify the correct factors for the binomial $49y^2 - 64$. (Select all that apply)

Hint: Look for the difference of squares pattern.

- A) $(7y + 8)(7y - 8)$
- B) $(7y - 8)(7y + 8)$
- C) $(49y - 64)(1)$
- D) $(7y + 4)(7y - 4)$

Apply the GCF method to factor the binomial $12x^3 + 18x^2$.

Hint: Identify the GCF of the terms first.

Part 4: Analyzing Relationships

Which of the following statements is true about the binomial $x^2 - 9$?

Hint: Consider the properties of this expression.

- A) It cannot be factored.
- B) It is a perfect square trinomial.
- C) It is a difference of squares.
- D) It is a sum of squares.

Analyze the expression $81a^2 - 49b^2$ and select the correct factors. (Select all that apply)

Hint: Look for the difference of squares pattern.

- A) $(9a + 7b)(9a - 7b)$
- B) $(81a - 49b)(1)$
- C) $(9a - 7b)(9a + 7b)$
- D) $(9a + 7b)(9a + 7b)$

Explain why the expression $x^2 + 4$ cannot be factored using the difference of squares method.

Hint: Consider the definition of difference of squares.

Part 5: Synthesis and Reflection

Evaluate the following statement: "Every binomial can be factored using the difference of squares method."

Hint: Consider the types of binomials.

- A) True
- B) False

- C) Not sure
- D) It depends

**Create a binomial that can be factored using both the GCF and difference of squares methods.
(Select all that apply)**

Hint: Look for expressions that fit both patterns.

- A) $4x^2 - 4$
- B) $9x^2 - 1$
- C) $16x^2 - 4$
- D) $25x^2 - 36$

Design a real-world scenario where factoring a binomial is necessary, and explain how you would solve it.

Hint: Think about practical applications of factoring.