

9-5 Skills Practice**Factoring Differences of Squares**

Factor each polynomial, if possible. If the polynomial cannot be factored, write *prime*.

1. $a^2 - 4$

2. $n^2 - 64$

3. $1 - 49c^2$

4. $-16 + p^2$

5. $k^2 + 25$

6. $36 - 100w^2$

Prime because of Plus Sign

7. $t^2 - 81u^2$

8. $4h^2 - 25g^2$

9. $64m^2 - 9y^2$

10. $4c^2 - 5d^2$

Prime because 5 is not a perfect square

11. $-49r^2 + 4t^2$

12. $8x^2 - 72p^2$

13. $20q^2 - 5r^2$

14. $32a^2 - 50b^2$

Solve each equation by factoring. Check your solutions.

15. $16x^2 - 9 = 0$

16. $25p^2 - 16 = 0$

17. $36q^2 - 49 = 0$

18. $81 - 4b^2 = 0$

19. $16d^2 = 4$

20. $18a^2 = 8$

21. $s^2 - \frac{9}{25} = 0$

22. $k^2 - \frac{49}{64} = 0$

23. $\frac{1}{25}h^2 - 16 = 0$

24. $\frac{1}{16}y^2 = 81$