

Factoring

Always look for a Greatest Common Factor FIRST!!!

2 TERMS

(Must be in one of the following forms to factor with two terms)

OR

OR

3 TERMS

(Key number method)

4 TERMS

(Grouping)

THEN

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1. If **nothing** can be done to the original expression, then it is **PRIME** 2. Check to see if any of your final answers **will factor further**. 3. **Check** your answer by multiplying.