

# MULTIPLYING BINOMIALS - FOIL (x + 3)(x - 2)

**First some terminology...**

A **POLYNOMIAL** is an \_\_\_\_\_ made up of \_\_\_\_\_ terms separated by \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_

Examples:

A **MONOMIAL** is a \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ term      Ex -

A **BINOMIAL** is a \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ terms      Ex -

A **TRINOMIAL** is a \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ terms      Ex -

**EXERCISE:** Identify each polynomial expression as a monomial, binomial, or trinomial.

Polynomial Expression	Monomial, Binomial, or Trinomial???
$x^2 + 5x$	
7	
$45p^2q - 15q^3$	
$2x^2 + 8x - 4$	
$ab^3c$	
$-2x - 4x^2$	

**How to Multiply Binomials – the FOIL Method**

- F: Multiply the \_\_\_\_\_ terms in each bracket together
- O: Multiply the \_\_\_\_\_ terms in each bracket together
- I: Multiply the \_\_\_\_\_ terms in each bracket together
- L: Multiply the \_\_\_\_\_ terms in each bracket together

**This is the  
Distributive Property  
(Rainbow Method)  
applied twice**

**Example 1**

**Step 1: Use FOIL**

a)  $(x + 2)(x + 3)$

b)  $(2x - 4)(x + 6)$

**Step 2: Collect Like Terms and Simplify**

**Example 2**  $(3x - 2)(2x + 5)$

**Example 3**  $(m - 5)(m + 5)$

**Example 4**  $(a - 3)^2$

**MULTIPLYING  
BINOMIALS**

**Step 1:** Use **FOIL**  
(First, Outside,  
Inside, Last)

**Step 2:** Collect Like Terms  
and Simplify

**Application Example**

A swimming pool has dimensions  $L = (2x + 1)$  and  $W = (3x - 3)$

a) Determine an expression for the area in terms of  $x$ .

b) Find the area when  $x = 10$  metres.