



In this worksheet you will practise grouping terms in pairs to extract common factors and simplify expressions. Each question involves rewriting a four-term expression by grouping pairs of terms and factorising the resulting common binomials.

## Easy Questions

1. Factorise the expression  $2x + 2y + 3x + 3y$ .
2. Factorise the expression  $4m + 6n + 2m + 3n$ .
3. Factorise  $7a + 7b + 5a + 5b$ .
4. Factorise the expression  $9x + 12y + 3x + 4y$ .
5. Factorise  $10p + 15q + 2p + 3q$ .

## Intermediate Questions

6. Factorise  $3a + 5b + 9a + 15b$ .
7. Factorise  $2x - 4 - 3x + 6$ .
8. Factorise  $6m + 9n - 2m - 3n$ .
9. Factorise  $5x + 10y + 8x + 16y$ .
10. Factorise  $4p - 8q + 5p - 10q$ .
11. Factorise  $a + 2b + 3a + 6b$ .
12. Factorise  $7r - 14s + 9r - 18s$ .
13. Factorise  $2x + 3 - 4x - 6$ .
14. Factorise  $12u + 16v + 9u + 12v$ .
15. Factorise  $8a^2 + 12ab + 2a^2 + 3ab$ .
16. Factorise  $x^2 + 2xy - 3x - 6y$ .
17. Factorise  $5m^2 - 10m + 2m - 4$ .
18. Factorise  $6xy + 9y^2 - 4x - 6y$ .
19. Factorise  $10a + 15b - 6a - 9b$ .
20. Factorise  $3p + 6q + 8p + 16q$ .

## Hard Questions

21. Factorise  $4xy + 6x - 8y - 12$ .
22. Factorise  $2a^2 + 4ab - 3a - 6b$ .
23. Factorise  $5x^2 + 10xy - x - 2y$ .
24. Factorise  $6x^2 - 2x - 9x + 3$ .
25. Factorise  $-2m^2 - 3mn + 8m + 12n$ .
26. Factorise  $7xy - 14x + 5y - 10$ .
27. Factorise  $5ab + 10ac - b - 2c$ .
28. Factorise  $6x - 9 - 4xy - 6y$ .
29. Factorise  $6x + 9 - 4xy - 6y$ .
30. Factorise  $3pq + 6p + 2q + 4$ .
31. Factorise  $4x^2 + 8x - x - 2$ .