

1. Solve each of these equations using factoring.

a) $(x - 9)(5x + 4) = 0$

b) $x^2 - 2x - 15 = 0$

c) $x^2 + 4x = 0$

d) $2x^2 = 5x$

e) $x^2 + 4x + 4 = 0$

f) $2x^2 = 7x + 4$

g) $4x^2 - 25 = 0$

h) $(x - 1)(x + 4) = 14$

i) $6w^2 = 48w - 9$

2. If you kick a ball up from the ground with a certain speed and angle, its height in feet at time t is $-16t^2 + 20t$. When will the ball hit the ground? (Set up an equation and solve it using the factoring method. Don't solve this by any other way.)

3. If a football league has N teams, then there must be $\frac{1}{2}N^2 - \frac{1}{2}N$ games in a "round robin" tournament (where each team plays every other team). How many teams are there if a round robin tournament has 91 games? (Set up an equation and solve it using the factoring method. Don't solve this by any other way. *After you write down an equation, it might be a good idea to multiply through by something that clears denominators.*)

4. A triangle's base is one inch shorter than twice its height. If the area of the triangle was 138 in², what is the height of the triangle? (Set up an equation and solve it using the factoring method. Don't solve this by any other way. *After you write down an equation, it might be a good idea to multiply through by something that clears denominators.*)

5. The formula $S = 2x^2 - 12x + 82$ is used to model the amount of money (in billions of dollars) spent by travelers to the U.S. x years after 2000. In which year(s) was \$72 billion spent? (Set up an equation and solve it using the factoring method. Don't solve this by any other way.)