

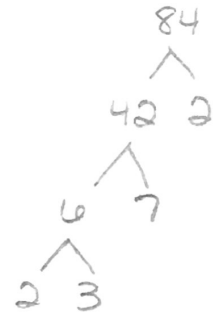
*I can factor linear expressions.*

**Factoring Algebraic Expressions**

Step 1: List the factors of each of the terms.

Step 2: ID the greatest common factor.

Step 3: Factor out (divide by) the GCF.



1)  $8x + 32$

Factors of  $8x$   $2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot x$   
Factors of  $32$   $2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2$   
GCF  $8$   
Rewrite  $8(x + 4)$   
("Factor out" the GCF)

2)  $49y + 84$

Factors of  $49y$   $7 \cdot 7 \cdot y$   
Factors of  $84$   $2 \cdot 3 \cdot 7 \cdot 2$   
GCF  $7$   
Rewrite  $7(7y + 12)$   
("Factor out" the GCF)

**Together**

1) Factor:  $12y - 16$

$4(3y - 4)$

2) Factor:  $6x + 3y$

$3(2x + y)$

3) Factor:  $6x + 24y + 6$

$6(x + 4y + 1)$

**On Your Own**

1) Factor:  $21y - 12$

$3(7y - 4)$

2) Factor:  $4x + 18y$

$2(2x + 9y)$

3) Factor:  $21x + 7y + 14$

$7(3x + y + 2)$

**Together**

1) Factor:  $12xy + 15xyz - 3xyz$

$3xy(4 + 5z - z)$   
 $3xy(4 + 4z)$

2) Factor:  $-6abc - 21abc + 15ac$

$-3ac(2b + 7b - 5)$   
or  
 $3ac(-2b - 7b + 5)$

**On Your Own**

1) Factor:  $21xyz - 15xyz - 3xz$

$3xz(7y - 5y - 1)$   
 $3xz(2y - 1)$

2) Factor:  $-8ab - 20abc + 14ac$

$-2a(4b + 10bc - 7c)$   
or  
 $2a(-4b - 10bc + 7c)$