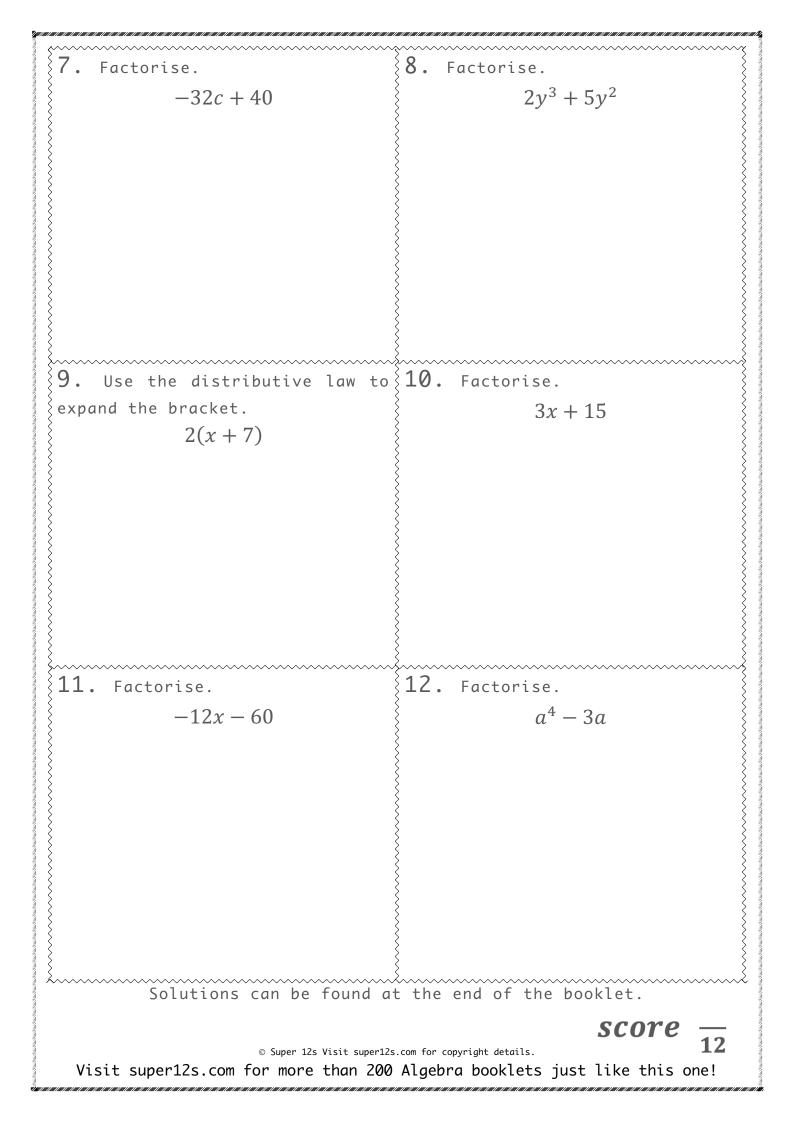


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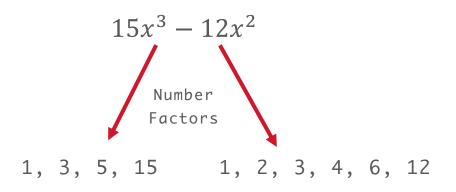
Example 1

Factorise the following.

$$15x^3 - 12x^2$$

Step 1

Look for common factors in the numbers and variables. It often helps to list the factors of the numbers in each term.



The variable x is also common to both terms

Step 2

Choose the **highest common factor** for the number and the **highest common order** for the variables and place them outside the bracket.

Highest common factor and order = $3x^2$

$$15x^3 - 12x^2$$

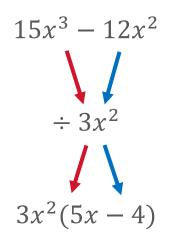
$$3x^{2}($$

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Step 3

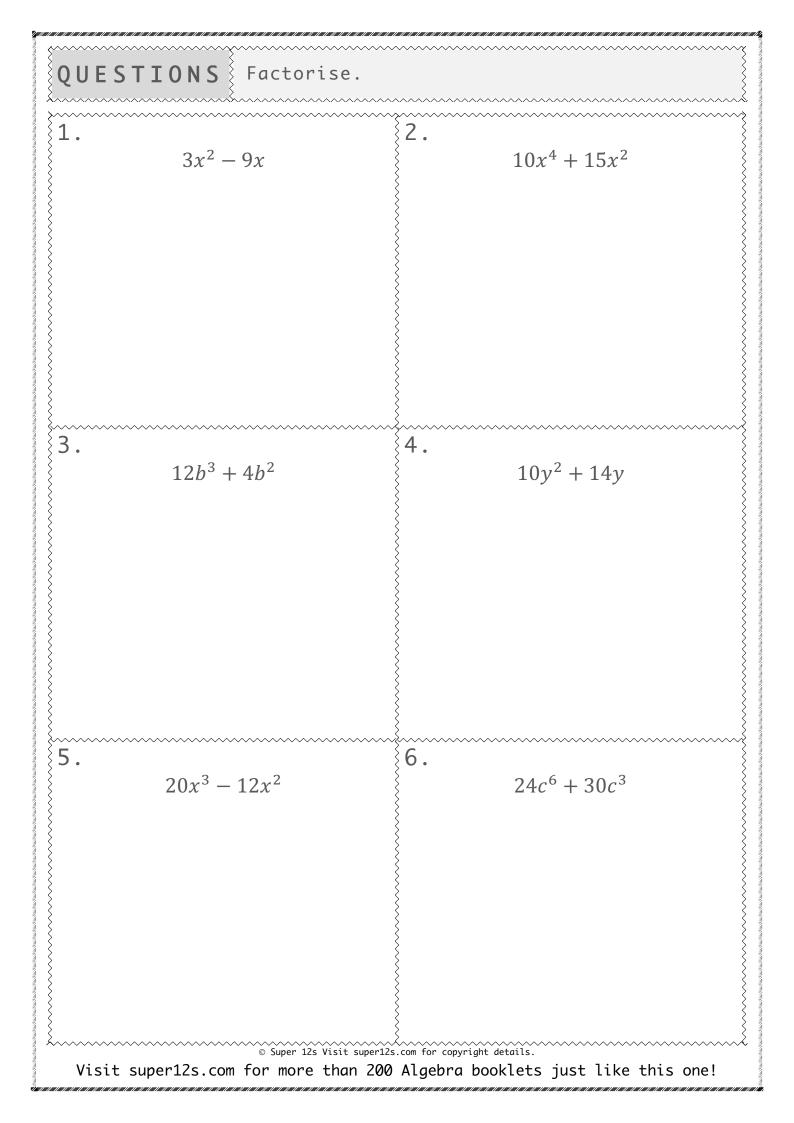
To determine the terms that go inside the bracket divide each of the original terms by the factor.

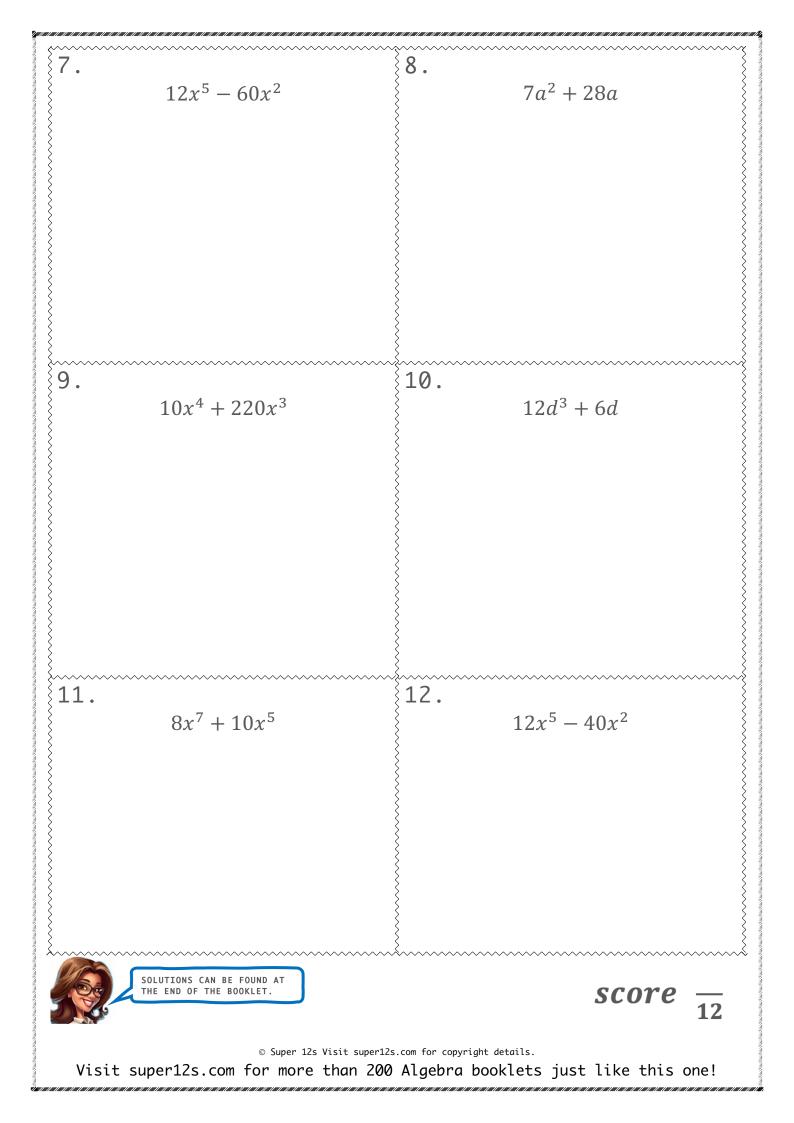




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5. $xy - yz$	6. $4(3x-10)$
7. $-8(4c-5)$	8. $y^2(2y+5)$
9. 2x + 14	10. $3(x+5)$
11. $-12(x+5)$	12. $a(a^3-3)$
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1. $3x(x-3)$	$2. 5x^2(2x^2+3)$
3. $4b^2(3b+1)$	4. 2y(5y+7)
5. $4x^2(5x-3)$	$6.  6c^3(4c^3+5)$
7. $12x^2(x^3-5)$	$\{8. 7a(a+4)\}$
9. $10x^3(x+22)$	$10. \ 6d(2d^2+1)$
11. $2x^5(4x^2+5)$	$12. 4x^2(3x^3 - 10)$
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