

# COMPLETING THE SQUARE

## OBJECTIVES:

- 1) Complete the square to convert a quadratic from standard form to vertex form.
- 2) Graph a quadratic in vertex form.

Fill in the table below.

Perfect Square Trinomial	Factored Form
$x^2 + 8x + 16$	$(x + 4)^2$
$x^2 - 8x + 16$	
	$(x - 3)^2$
$x^2 - 30x + 225$	

Fill in the constant to make the expression a perfect square trinomial.

- 1)  $x^2 - 22x + \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$       2)  $9x^2 - 36x + \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$       3)  $x^2 - .4x + \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

What if they are not perfect square trinomials? We use completing the square to change it!

### STANDARD FORM

$$y = ax^2 + bx + c$$

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### VERTEX FORM

$$y - k = a(x - h)^2$$

(h, k) is the vertex

Example:  $y = 4x^2 - 8x + 1$

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List your vertex.

**PRACTICE:**

1.)  $y = 4x^2 - 24x + 29$

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2.)  $y = -3x^2 + 24x - 53$

$$y + 53 = -3(x^2 - 8x)$$

$$y + 53 - 48 = -3(x^2 - 8x + 16)$$

$$y + 5 = -3(x - 4)^2$$

vertex: (4, -5)

3.)  $y = 2x^2 + 4x + 5$

$$y - 5 = 2(x^2 + 2x)$$

$$y - 5 + 2 = 2(x^2 + 2x + 1)$$

$$y - 3 = 2(x + 1)^2$$

vertex: -1, 3

4.)  $y = -\frac{1}{4}x^2 - x + 3$

5.)  $y = \frac{1}{2}x^2 - 3x + \frac{19}{2}$

$$y - \frac{19}{2} = \frac{1}{2}(x^2 - 6x)$$

$$y - \frac{19}{2} + \frac{9}{2} = \frac{1}{2}(x^2 - 6x + 9)$$

$$y - \frac{10}{2} = \frac{1}{2}(x - 3)^2$$

$$y - 5 = \frac{1}{2}(x - 3)^2$$

vertex: (3, 5)

6.)  $y = x^2 + 11x + 3$

7.)  $y = x^2 + 25x - 8$

$$y + 8 = x^2 + 25x$$

$$y + 8 + \frac{625}{4} = x^2 + 25x + \frac{625}{4}$$

$$y + \frac{32}{4} + \frac{625}{4} = \left(x + \frac{25}{2}\right)^2$$

$$y + \frac{657}{4} = \left(x + \frac{25}{2}\right)^2$$

vertex:  $\left(-\frac{25}{2}, \frac{657}{4}\right)$