

## **TOPIC: COMPLETING THE SQUARE**

### **Complete the Square**

- ◆ If a quadratic isn't in the form  $(x + h)^2 = k$ , you can \_\_\_\_\_ put it in that form by **completing the square**.

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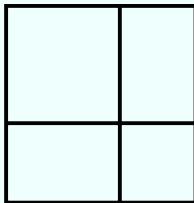
$$x^2 + 6x + 12$$
$$( \quad + \quad )^2 = x^2 + 2x + \underline{\quad}$$

- ◆ Once you complete the square you can use the \_\_\_\_\_ property to solve the quadratic.

#### **EXAMPLE**

Solve the quadratic equation by completing the square.

$$x^2 + 6x - 7 = 0$$



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### **PRACTICE**

Determine the value we need to add to the equation to make it a perfect square trinomial, then factor it.

**(A)**

$$x^2 + 8x + \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

**(B)**

$$y^2 - 10y + \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

### **EXAMPLE**

Solve the quadratic equation by completing the square.

**(A)**

$$2x^2 - 4x - 1 = 0$$

**(B)**

$$z^2 - 3z = 4$$

### **PRACTICE**

Solve for  $x$ .

$$8x^2 - 20x + 12 = 4$$

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$$x^2 - 2x + 3 = 0$$