Lesson 11: Completing the Square

Classwork

Opening Exercise

Rewrite the following perfect square quadratic expressions in standard form. Look for patterns in the coefficients, and write two sentences describing what you notice.

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| Example:  |  |  |  |
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**Example**

Now try working backwards. Rewrite the following standard form quadratic expressions as perfect squares.

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**Exploratory Challenge**

Find an expression equivalent to that includes a perfect square binomial.

Exercises 1–10

Rewrite each expression by completing the square.

Lesson Summary

Just as factoring a quadratic expression can be useful for solving a quadratic equation, completing the square also provides a form that facilitates solving a quadratic equation.

Problem Set

1. Which of these expressions would be most easily rewritten by factoring? Justify your answer.