

1. What completes $x^2 + 6x + \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$?

Half of 6 is 3; 3^2

Answer: 9

2. $x^2 + 6x + 9 = (\)^2$.

Half of 6

Answer: $(x + 3)^2$

3. What completes $x^2 - 10x + \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$?

Half of -10 is -5; 25

Answer: 25

4. Solve $x^2 + 6x = 7$ by completing the square.

Add 9: $(x + 3)^2 = 16$

$x + 3 = \pm 4$

Answer: $x = 1$ or -7

5. Solve $x^2 - 4x = 5$.

Add 4: $(x - 2)^2 = 9$

$x - 2 = \pm 3$

Answer: $x = 5$ or -1

6. Rewrite $x^2 - 6x = 24$ in the form $(x - h)^2 = k$. (Trainer echo - Jan 2026 Q23!)

Half of -6 is -3; add 9

$(x - 3)^2 = 33$

Answer: $(x - 3)^2 = 33$

7. Rewrite $x^2 - 6x = 27$ with completing the square. (Trainer echo - June 2025 Q11!)

Add 9 to both sides

Answer: $(x - 3)^2 = 36$

8. Solve $x^2 + 8x + 5 = 0$.

Move 5: $x^2 + 8x = -5$

Add 16: $(x + 4)^2 = 11$

$x + 4 = \pm \sqrt{11}$

Answer: $x = -4 \pm \sqrt{11}$

9. Solve $x^2 + 14x - 28 = 0$, writing it as $(x + p)^2 = q$ first. (Trainer echo - Aug 2025 Q30!) ★ challenge

$x^2 + 14x = 28$; add 49

$(x + 7)^2 = 77$

Answer: $(x + 7)^2 = 77$

10. Convert $y = x^2 + 4x + 1$ to vertex form by completing the square, then state the vertex. ★ challenge

Half of 4 is 2; add & subtract 4

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

Answer: vertex (-2, -3)