

# Which method to use & when! Solving Quadratics

## Our Methods

- ① factoring & ZPP
- ② quadratic formula
- ③ completing the square
- ④ square root method
- ⑤ graphing (x-intercepts)

Solve the following. Note: you must only use each method once!

① **SQUARE ROOT METHOD**  
 $6x^2 - 216 = 0$

$$\begin{array}{r} +216 \quad +216 \\ \hline 6x^2 - 216 = 0 \\ \hline 6x^2 = 216 \\ \hline \frac{6x^2}{6} = \frac{216}{6} \end{array}$$

$$\frac{6x^2}{6} = \frac{216}{6}$$

$$\sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{36}$$

$$x = \pm 6$$

② **COMPLETE THE SQUARE**  
 $(5x^2 - 10x) = 0$

$$\frac{5(x^2 - 2x)}{5} = \frac{0}{5}$$

$$x^2 - 2x = 0$$

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

$$\sqrt{(x-1)^2} = \sqrt{1}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x-1 = \pm 1 \\ +1 \quad +1 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$x = 1 \pm 1$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \downarrow \\ -\frac{2}{2} = (-1)^2 = 1 \end{array}$$

③ **FACTOR**  
 $x^2 + 8x + 7 = 0$

$$(x+7)(x+1) = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{l} / \quad \backslash \\ x+7=0 \quad x+1=0 \end{array}$$

$$x = -7, -1$$

**GRAPHING**  
 ④  $x^2 - 6x + 1 = 0$

$$x = .17, 5.83$$

**QUADRATIC FORMULA**  
 ⑤  $-9x^2 + 10x = 5$

$$\begin{array}{r} -9x^2 + 10x = 5 \\ \hline -9x^2 + 10x - 5 = 0 \end{array}$$

$$a = -9 \quad b = 10 \quad c = -5$$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$X = \frac{-10 \pm \sqrt{10^2 - 4(-9)(-5)}}{2(-9)}$$

$$X = \frac{-10 \pm \sqrt{-80}}{-18}$$

NO  
REAL  
SOLUTIONS

①  $x^2 + 7x - 80 = 0$

graphing  
OR  
quadratic

②  $5x^2 + x - 9 = 0$

quadratic  
OR  
graphing

③  $x^2 - 16x = -64$

Factoring  
Completing  
the  
square

④  $x^2 + 6x = 14$

completing  
the  
square

⑤  $x^2 - 49 = 0$

square  
root  
method