GOAL

Use special product patterns to multiply polynomials.

Square of a Binomial Pattern

Algebra

$$(a+b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$$

$$(a - b)^2 = a^2 - 2ab + b^2$$

Example

$$(x+3)^2 = x^2 + 6x + 9$$

$$(3x - 2)^2 = 9x^2 - 12x + 4$$

**EXAMPLE 1** 

Use the square of a binomial pattern

Find the product.

**a.** 
$$(7x + 2)^2$$

**b.** 
$$(6x - 5y)^2$$

**Solution** 

**a.** 
$$(7x + 2)^2 = (7x)^2 + 2(7x)(2) + 2^2$$
  
=  $49x^2 + 28x + 4$ 

Square of a binomial pattern Simplify.

**b.** 
$$(6x - 5y)^2 = (6x)^2 - 2(6x)(5y) + (5y)^2$$
  
=  $36x^2 - 60xy + 25y^2$ 

Square of a binomial pattern Simplify.

**Exercises for Example 1** 

Find the product.

1. 
$$(y+9)^2$$

**2.** 
$$(3z + 7)^2$$

**3.** 
$$(2w-3)^2$$

**4.** 
$$(10r - 3s)^2$$

**Sum and Difference Pattern** 

Algebra

$$(a + b)(a - b) = a^2 - b^2$$

Example

$$(x+5)(x-5) = x^2 - 25$$

LESSON

# Study Guide continued

For use with the lesson "Find Special Products of Polynomials"

### **EXAMPLE 2**

## Use the sum and difference pattern

Find the product.

**a.** 
$$(m+9)(m-9)$$

**b.** 
$$(4n-3)(4n+3)$$

Solution

**a.** 
$$(m+9)(m-9) = m^2 - 9^2$$
 Sum and difference pattern  $= m^2 - 81$  Simplify.

**b.** 
$$(4n-3)(4n+3) = (4n)^2 - 3^2$$
 Sum and difference pattern  $= 16n^2 - 9$  Simplify.

## **Exercises for Example 2**

Find the product.

**5.** 
$$(g+11)(g-11)$$

**6.** 
$$(7f-1)(7f+1)$$

7. 
$$(2h+9)(2h-9)$$

**8.** 
$$(6k - 8)(6k + 8)$$

#### **EXAMPLE 3**

# Use special products and mental math

Use special products to find the product of 37  $\cdot$  43.

**Solution** 

Notice that 37 is 3 less than 40 while 43 is 3 more than 40.

$$37 \cdot 43 = (40 - 3)(40 + 3)$$
 Write as a product of difference and sum.  
 $= 40^2 - 3^2$  Sum and difference pattern  
 $= 1600 - 9$  Evaluate powers.  
 $= 1591$  Simplify.

## **Exercises for Example 3**

Describe how you can use special products to find the product.