



$$(a+b)(c+d) = (a+bc+bc)$$

When multiplying 2 binomials, remember this acronym:

F- IRST a.c O-UTSTIDE Q.d I- NJSIDE b.c L-AST b.d

Basically:

- multiply each term in the first bracket by each term in the second bracket
- remember: when you multiply terms you multiply the coefficients and add the exponents
- collect like terms if applicable

Examples: Simplify (aka: expand and collect like terms)  
a. 
$$(2x+3)(x+4) = (2x)(x) + (2x)(4) + (3)(x) + (3)(4)$$
 b.  
 $= 2x^{2} + 8x + 3x + 12$   
 $2x^{2} + 11x + 12$ 

c. 
$$(5-3z)(3z-2) =$$
  
=  $(5)(3z) + (5)(2) + (-3z)(3z) + (-3z)(-2)$   
=  $15z - 10 - 9z^2 + 6z$   
=  $-9z^2 + 21z - 10$ 

d. 
$$(x+4y)(3x-5y) =$$
  
= $(x)(3x)+(x)(-5y)+(4y)(3x)+(4y)(-5y)$   
= $3x^{2} - 5xy + 12xy - 20y^{2}$   
= $3x^{2} + 7xy - 20y^{2}$ 

Now, let's get more interesting:



j. A square has its length increased by 3cm and its width reduced by 5cm. Write an expression for the new area.

Let x = the length of the original square

New length = 
$$X + 3$$
  
New width =  $X - 5$   
New area =  $(x + 3)(x - 5)$   
=  $(x)(x) + (x)(-5) + (3)(x) + (3)(-5)$   
=  $x^2 - 5x + 3x - 15$   
=  $x^2 - 2x - 15$ 

