

## Sec. 10.3 Completing the Square

Complete the square by finding the value that makes a perfect-square trinomial when added to the binomial

$$a. \quad \frac{x^2 - 8x + 16}{(x - 4)^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \widehat{(x+a)}(x+a) = (x+a)^2 \\ & x^2 + \underline{ax} + \underline{ax} + \boxed{a^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$b. \quad \frac{x^2 + 20x + 100}{(x + 10)^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (x+10)(x+10) \\ & x^2 + \underline{10x} + \underline{10x} + \underline{100} \\ & \quad \quad \quad 20x \end{aligned}$$

$$c. \quad \frac{x^2 - 12x + 36}{(x - 6)^2}$$

$$d. \quad \frac{x^2 + 4x + 4}{(x + 2)^2}$$


$$e. \quad \frac{x^2 - 5x + \frac{25}{4}}{\left(x - \frac{5}{2}\right)^2}$$

$$-\frac{5}{2} : \frac{5}{2} = \frac{25}{4}$$

Find the vertex of each parabola.

a.  $y = x^2 + 3$

$v: (0, 3)$



Vertex form  
 $y = a(x - \underline{h})^2 + k$   
Vertex:  $(h, k)$

b.  $y = -x^2 + 2$

$v: (0, 2)$

c.  $y = -x^2 + 6$

$v: (0, 6)$

d.  $y = x^2 - 5$

$v: (0, -5)$

Rewrite  $y = x^2 + 2x + 5$  in the  
form  $y = (x - h)^2 + k$

$$y = x^2 + 2x + 5$$

$$y = (x^2 + 2x + 1) + 5 - 1$$

$$y = (x + 1)^2 + 4$$

$$v: (-1, 4)$$

b.  $y = 6x + 15 + x^2$

$$y = x^2 + 6x + 15$$

$$y = (x^2 + 6x + 9) + 15 - 9$$

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

$$v: (-3, 6)$$