

Synthetic Division Practice

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Directions: Divide the polynomials using **synthetic division**. Make sure that the polynomial is in descending order (standard form). If one of the terms is missing, you must put a placeholder of 0 in its place.

1. $(x^2 + 5x + 1) \div (x + 3)$

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1) _____

Is $(x + 3)$ a factor of the polynomial? Why or why not?

2. $(2x^3 - 11x^2 + 9x - 20) \div (x - 5)$

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2) _____

Is $(x - 5)$ a factor of the polynomial? Why or why not?

3. $(2x^3 + 4x^2 - 3x - 6) \div (x + 3)$

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3) _____

Is $(x + 3)$ a factor of the polynomial? Why or why not?

4. $(2x^3 - 11x^2 + 13x - 44) \div (x - 5)$

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4) _____

Is $(x - 5)$ a factor of the polynomial? Why or why not?

$$5. (2x^2 + 3x - 4) \div (x - 2)$$

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5) _____

$$6. (n^4 + 5n^3 - 6n + 3) \div (n + 3)$$

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6) _____

Use **SYNTHETIC DIVISION** to divide the following. **DON'T FORGET TO PUT PLACEHOLDERS IN FOR #7-8.**

$$7. (x^3 - 125) \div (x - 5)$$

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$$8. (5x^4 + 2x^2 - 15x + 10) \div (x + 2)$$

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8) _____