

**Solving by Square Rooting** – use this process when the initial quadratic equation is in

Vertex form.

- ① isolate the squared term
- ② square root both sides.

$$1. x^2 - 64 = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{r} +64 \quad +64 \\ \hline \sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{64} \\ \boxed{x = \pm 8} \end{array}$$

$$2. 2x^2 - 18 = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{r} +18 \quad +18 \\ \hline \frac{2x^2}{2} = \frac{18}{2} \\ \sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{9} \\ \boxed{x = \pm 3} \end{array}$$

$$3. (x+2)^2 - 6 = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{r} +6 \quad +6 \\ \hline \sqrt{(x+2)^2} = \sqrt{6} \\ x+2 = \pm\sqrt{6} \\ \hline -2 \quad -2 \\ \boxed{x = -2 \pm \sqrt{6}} \end{array}$$

$\rightarrow -2 + \sqrt{6} = .449\dots$   
 $\rightarrow -2 - \sqrt{6} = -4.44\dots$

$$4. 2(x-3)^2 - 14 = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{r} +14 \quad +14 \\ \hline \frac{2(x-3)^2}{2} = \frac{14}{2} \\ \sqrt{(x-3)^2} = \sqrt{7} \\ x-3 = \pm\sqrt{7} \\ \hline +3 \quad +3 \\ \boxed{x = 3 \pm \sqrt{7}} \end{array}$$

$\rightarrow 3 + \sqrt{7}$   
 $\rightarrow 3 - \sqrt{7}$

$$y = ax^2 + bx + c$$

Solving by Completing the Square and Square Rooting – use when the quadratic equation is

initially in standard form.

1.  $(x^2 + 6x) - 3 = 0$

$$(x^2 + 6x + 9 - 9) - 3 = 0$$

$$(x + 3)^2 - 12 = 0$$

$\quad \quad +12 \quad \quad +12$

$$\sqrt{(x + 3)^2} = \sqrt{12}$$

$$x + 3 = \pm \sqrt{12}$$

$\quad -3 \quad \quad -3$

$$x = -3 \pm \sqrt{12}$$

2.  $(-x^2 + 4x + 7 = 0) \div -1$

$$(x^2 - 4x) - 7 = 0$$

$$(x^2 - 4x + 4 - 4) - 7 = 0$$

$$(x - 2)^2 - 11 = 0$$

$\quad \quad +11 \quad \quad +11$

$$\sqrt{(x - 2)^2} = \sqrt{11}$$

$$x - 2 = \pm \sqrt{11}$$

$\quad +2 \quad \quad +2$

$$x = 2 \pm \sqrt{11}$$

3.  $(2x^2 + 8x) - 5 = 0$

$$2(x^2 + 4x + 4 - 4) - 5 = 0$$

$$2(x + 2)^2 - 13 = 0$$

$\quad \quad +13 \quad \quad +13$

$$\frac{2(x + 2)^2}{2} = \frac{13}{2}$$

$$\sqrt{(x + 2)^2} = \sqrt{\frac{13}{2}}$$

$$x + 2 = \pm \sqrt{\frac{13}{2}}$$

$\quad -2 \quad \quad -2$

$$x = -2 \pm \sqrt{\frac{13}{2}}$$

we can do this because equation is = 0 & we're dividing the entire equation.