

COMPLETING THE SQUARE

In questions **1–4** and **6–13**, write the number to be added to complete the square.

1 $x^2 + 4x$

2 $x^2 - 6x$

3 $x^2 + 14x$

4 $x^2 + 2x$

6 $x^2 - x$

7 $x^2 + 5x$

8 $x^2 + 3x$

9 $x^2 - 7x$

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10 $x^2 + x$

11 $x^2 + 2ax$

12 $x^2 - 2bx$

13 $x^2 + cx$

- 14 The square is completed for the expression $x^2 - ax$. Indicate whether the following statements would be correct or incorrect.

(a) $x^2 - ax + \frac{a^2}{2}$

(b) $x^2 - ax + \frac{a^2}{4}$

(c) $\left(x - \frac{a}{2}\right)^2$

(d) $x^2 - ax + a^2$