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## Thinking with Models \_ Quadratic Equations

Assessment Criterion: A and C

1. Solve
- $x^2 + 5x + 6 = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
 x^2 + 5x + 6 &= 0 \\
 x^2 + 3x + 2x + 6 &= 0 \\
 x(x+3) + 2(x+3) &= 0 \\
 (x+3)(x+2) &= 0 \\
 \begin{array}{l|l}
 x+3=0 & x+2=0 \\
 x=-3 & x=-2
 \end{array}
 \end{aligned}$$

2. Victor is  $y$  years old.  
 His brother Fred is **4 years older** than Victor.  
 The product of their ages is **780**.

- (a) Write an equation in terms of
- $y$
- to represent this situation.

$$\text{Fred's age is } y+4$$

- (b) Solve the equation to find Victor's age.

$$\begin{aligned}
 y(y+4) &= 780 \\
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 y^2 + 4y &= 780 \\
 y^2 + 4y - 780 &= 0 \\
 y^2 + 30y - 26y - 780 &= 0 \\
 y(y+30) - 26(y+30) &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(y+30)(y-26)=0$$

$$y+30=0 \quad \text{or} \quad y-26=0$$

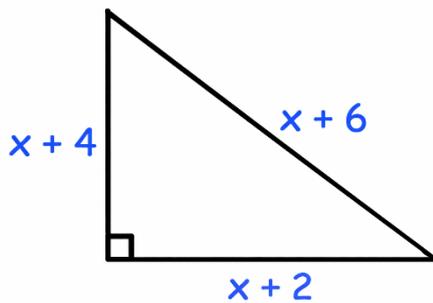
$$y=-30 \quad y=26$$

Since age can't be negative

$$y=26.$$

Victor's age is 26 years old.

3. The diagram shows a right-angled triangle.



(a) Form a quadratic equation in terms of  $x$ .

By using right angled rule

$$(x+4)^2 + (x+2)^2 = (x+6)^2$$

(b) Solve the equation to find the value of  $x$ .

$$(x+4)^2 + (x+2)^2 = (x+6)^2$$

$$x^2 + 8x + 16 + x^2 + 4x + 4 = x^2 + 12x + 36$$

$$2x^2 + 12x + 20 = x^2 + 12x + 36$$

$$2x^2 - x^2 + 12x - 12x + 20 - 36 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 16 = 0$$

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$$x^2 = 16$$

$$x = \pm \sqrt{16}$$

$$x = \pm 4$$

Reject negative value

$$x = 4$$

4.

Solve  $\frac{25}{m+3} = m+3$

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$$25 = (m+3)(m+3)$$

$$25 = m^2 + 3m + 3m + 9$$

$$25 = m^2 + 6m + 9$$

$$m^2 + 6m + 9 - 25 = 0$$

$$m^2 + 6m - 16 = 0$$

$$m^2 + 8m - 2m - 16 = 0$$

$$m(m+8) - 2(m+8) = 0$$

$$(m+8)(m-2) = 0$$

$$m+8=0 \quad | \quad m-2=0$$

$$m=-8 \quad | \quad m=2$$

Since  $m+3 \neq 0$

$$\Rightarrow m = -3$$

both values are valid.

$$\therefore m = 2 \text{ or } m = -8$$