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Solving Quadratic Equations By Factoring - Step-by-Step Lesson

Solve. Write your answers as integers or as proper or improper fractions in simplest form.

$$x^2 - 36x = 0$$



Explanation:

We will solve by factorization.

$$x^2 - 36x = 0$$

$$x(x - 36) = 0 \quad \text{pull and } x \text{ from the left side by factoring.}$$

We know that the Zero Product Property states that for all real numbers a and b :

$$\text{If } ab = 0, \text{ then } a = 0 \text{ or } b = 0$$

According to the Zero Product Property, if $x(x - 36) = 0$, then x must be 0 or $x - 36$ must be 0. Now we will write two equations and solve x .

$$x = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad x - 36 = 0$$

$$\text{or} \quad x = 36$$

