

Correct. You can use the distributive property (in reverse) to write  $x^2 + 5x$  as  $x(x + 5)$  and to write  $3x + 15$  as  $3(x + 5)$ . This gives  $x(x + 5) + 3(x + 5)$ . Notice that  $(x + 5)$  appears twice. Use the distributive property again to factor out the  $x + 5$  to get  $(x + 5)(x + 3)$ .