Factor each of the following:

1. 
$$x^2 + 8x - 48$$

2. 
$$2x^2 - 7x - 15$$

3. 
$$k^2 - 17k + 72$$

4. 
$$4x^2 - 8x - 5$$

Use factoring and the zero product rule to solve each of the following:

5. 
$$a^2 + 8a + 15 = 0$$

6. 
$$4x^2 - x - 3 = 0$$

7. 
$$x^2 + 5x + 3 = 17$$

8. 
$$9x^2 - 13x = 8x - 10$$

9. 
$$3x^2 = 9x - 6$$

10. 
$$(2x + 1)(x - 3) = 6x + 18$$

11. The length of a closet is (2x + 1) and the width is x. The area of the closet is 10 square feet. What is the length and width of the room?

12. A golfer takes a swing at a ball from the top of a hill. The height of the ball can be modeled by  $h=-16t^2+$ 32t + 20. How long before the ball hits the ground by the cup?

## <u>Answers</u>

1. 
$$(x + 12)(x - 4)$$

2. 
$$(2x+3)(x-5)$$

3. 
$$(x-8)(x-9)$$

4. 
$$(2x+1)(2x-5)$$

5. 
$$a = -5$$
 and  $-3$ 

6. 
$$x = -\frac{3}{4}$$
 and 1

7. 
$$x = -7$$
 and 2

8. 
$$x = \frac{5}{3}$$
 and  $\frac{2}{3}$   
9.  $x = 1$  and 2

9. 
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 and 2

10. 
$$x = -\frac{3}{2}$$
 and 7

12. It will take 
$$2\frac{1}{2}$$
 minutes