

# Practice 6-4

## Solving Polynomial Equations

**Factor the expression on the left side of each equation. Then solve the equation.**

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| 1. $8x^3 - 27 = 0$         | 2. $x^3 + 64 = 0$          |
| 3. $2x^3 + 54 = 0$         | 4. $2x^3 - 250 = 0$        |
| 5. $4x^3 - 32 = 0$         | 6. $27x^3 + 1 = 0$         |
| 7. $64x^3 - 1 = 0$         | 8. $x^3 - 27 = 0$          |
| 9. $x^4 - 5x^2 + 4 = 0$    | 10. $x^4 - 12x^2 + 11 = 0$ |
| 11. $x^4 - 10x^2 + 16 = 0$ | 12. $x^4 - 8x^2 + 16 = 0$  |
| 13. $x^4 - 9x^2 + 14 = 0$  | 14. $x^4 + 13x^2 + 36 = 0$ |
| 15. $x^4 - 10x^2 + 9 = 0$  | 16. $x^4 + 3x^2 - 4 = 0$   |
17. Over 3 yr, Lucia saved \$550, \$600, and \$650 from baby-sitting jobs. The polynomial  $550x^3 + 600x^2 + 650x$  represents her savings, with interest, after 3 yr. The annual interest rate equals  $x - 1$ . Find the interest needed so that she will have \$2000 after 3 yr.

**Solve each equation by graphing. Where necessary, round to the nearest hundredth.**

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| 18. $2x^4 = 9x^2 - 4$       | 19. $x^2 - 16x = -1$    |
| 20. $6x^3 + 10x^2 + 5x = 0$ | 21. $36x^3 + 6x^2 = 9x$ |
| 22. $15x^4 = 11x^3 + 14x^2$ | 23. $x^4 = 81x^2$       |
24. The product of three consecutive integers  $n - 1$ ,  $n$ , and  $n + 1$  is  $-336$ . Write and solve an equation to find the numbers.

**Factor each expression.**

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| 25. $x^3 - 125$       | 26. $x^4 - 8x^2 + 15$ |
| 27. $x^4 + x^2 - 2$   | 28. $x^3 + 1$         |
| 29. $x^4 - 2x^2 - 24$ | 30. $x^4 + 10x^2 + 9$ |
| 31. $x^3 + 27$        | 32. $x^4 + 7x^2 - 18$ |

**Solve each equation.**

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| 33. $x^4 - x = 0$           | 34. $3x^4 + 18 = 21x^2$     |
| 35. $2x^4 - 26x^2 - 28 = 0$ | 36. $5x^4 + 50x^2 + 80 = 0$ |
| 37. $x^4 - 81 = 0$          | 38. $x^4 = 25$              |
| 39. $x^5 = x^3 + 12x$       | 40. $x^4 + 12x^2 = 8x^3$    |