

- **a.** Consider the sum of two squares  $x^2 + 16$ . If this sum can be factored, then there are integers *m* and *n* such that  $x^2 + 16 = (x + m)(x + n)$ . Write two equations that *m* and *n* must satisfy.
- **b.** Show that there are no integers *m* and *n* that satisfy both equations you wrote in part (a). What can you conclude?

## **PROBLEM SOLVING**

## **EXAMPLE 4** on p. 254 for Exs. 65–67

**65. SKATE PARK** A city's skate park is a rectangle 100 feet long by 50 feet wide. The city wants to triple the area of the skate park by adding the same distance *x* to the length and the width. Write and solve an equation to find the value of *x*. What are the new dimensions of the skate park?

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**66. ZOO** A rectangular enclosure at a zoo is 35 feet long by 18 feet wide. The zoo wants to double the area of the enclosure by adding the same distance *x* to the length and the width. Write and solve an equation to find the value of *x*. What are the new dimensions of the enclosure?

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**67. MULTI-STEP PROBLEM** A museum has a café with a rectangular patio. The museum wants to add 464 square feet to the area of the patio by expanding the existing patio as shown.

- **a.** Find the area of the existing patio.
- **b.** Write a verbal model and an equation that you can use to find the value of *x*.
- **c.** Solve your equation. By what distance *x* should the length and the width of the patio be expanded?

