STANDARD FORM: $(x - h)^2 + (y - k)^2 = r^2$ GENERAL FORM: $ax^2 + by^2 + cx + dy + e = 0$

1. Convert to general form: $x^2 + (y + 4)^2 = 9$. 2. Convert to general form: $(x + 1)^2 + (y - 4)^2 = 8$.

CONVERTING FROM GENERAL TO STANDARD FORM!!!

If the quadratic equation isn't in the standard form for a circle, we must first **complete the square** to get it in the correct form.

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| Steps to complete the square. | 1. $x^2 + y^2 + 16x - 22y - 20 = 0$ |
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| First, prepare the terms: | |
| Group and leave a space. Group and leave a space. Move the constant and leave | |
| Then, complete the square: | 2. $x^2 + y^2 - 12x + 8y + 32 = 0$ |
| • ½ the linear term and square it. | |
| Add to both sides. | |
| • Do this for both x and y. | |
| Factory and simplify. | |

3. $x^2 + y^2 + 2x - 15 = 0$