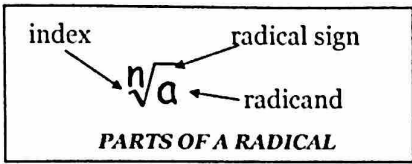


# Unit 5 Day 05 Simplifying Radicals Notes/HW



Note: When there is no index shown, the index is understood to be 2 (square root)

$$\sqrt{a^2} = a \quad \sqrt{a \cdot a} = a \quad (\sqrt{a})^2 = a$$

**A radical is in simplest form when:**

1. The radicand has no perfect root factors
2. The radicand does not contain a fraction.
3. There is no radical in the denominator.
4. The radicand does not have any exponents greater than the index.

To simplify a radical when the radicand contains a perfect factor, use the:

**PRODUCT PROPERTY** =  $\sqrt[n]{a \cdot b} = \sqrt[n]{a} \cdot \sqrt[n]{b}$

- Examples:
- a.  $\sqrt{8} = \sqrt{4} \cdot \sqrt{2} = 2\sqrt{2}$
  - b.  $\sqrt{96} = \sqrt{16} \cdot \sqrt{6} = 4\sqrt{6}$
  - c.  $2\sqrt{12} \cdot 5\sqrt{5} = 2 \cdot 5 \cdot \sqrt{12} \cdot \sqrt{5} = 10\sqrt{4} \cdot \sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{5} = 20\sqrt{15}$

1-9: Simplify the following square roots:		
1. $\sqrt{72}$ $\sqrt{36 \cdot 2}$ $6\sqrt{2}$	2. $4\sqrt{320}$ $4\sqrt{16 \cdot 4 \cdot 5}$ $4\sqrt{16} \sqrt{4} \sqrt{5}$ $4 \cdot 4 \cdot 2\sqrt{5} = 32\sqrt{5}$	3. $2\sqrt{10} \cdot 3\sqrt{5}$ $2 \cdot 3 \cdot \sqrt{10} \cdot \sqrt{5}$ $6 \cdot \sqrt{2 \cdot 5 \cdot 5}$ $6 \cdot 5 \cdot \sqrt{2} = 30\sqrt{2}$
4. $\sqrt{32x^4y^9}$ $\sqrt{16 \cdot 2 \cdot x^4 \cdot y^8 \cdot y}$ $4x^2y^4\sqrt{2y}$	5. $\sqrt{324a^3b^7}$ $\sqrt{324 \cdot a^2 \cdot a \cdot b^6 \cdot b}$ $18ab^3\sqrt{ab}$	6. $3\sqrt{75}$ $3\sqrt{25 \cdot 3}$ $3 \cdot 5\sqrt{3}$ $15\sqrt{3}$
7. $\sqrt{5} \cdot \sqrt{10}$ $\sqrt{5 \cdot 5 \cdot 2}$ $5\sqrt{2}$	8. $5\sqrt{150}$ $5\sqrt{10 \cdot 15}$ $5\sqrt{2 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 \cdot 3}$ $5 \cdot 5\sqrt{6} = 25\sqrt{6}$	9. $3\sqrt{49x^9y^{16}}$ $3\sqrt{49 \cdot x^8 \cdot x \cdot y^{16}}$ $3 \cdot 7 \cdot x^4 \cdot y^8 \sqrt{x}$ $21x^4y^8\sqrt{x}$
10-15: Simplify the following cube roots:		
10. $\sqrt[3]{-64x^9y^7}$ $\sqrt[3]{-64 \cdot x^9 \cdot y^6 \cdot y}$ $-4x^3y^2\sqrt[3]{y}$	11. $\sqrt[3]{216m^3n^6}$ $\sqrt[3]{6^3 m^3 n^6}$ $6mn^2$	12. $\sqrt[3]{-250}$ $\sqrt[3]{-125 \cdot 2}$ $\sqrt[3]{(-5)^3 \cdot 2}$ $-5\sqrt[3]{2}$

13. $3\sqrt[3]{108}$ $3\sqrt[3]{27 \cdot 4}$ $3 \cdot 3 \sqrt[3]{4}$ $(9\sqrt[3]{4})$	14. $2\sqrt[3]{48}$ $2\sqrt[3]{8 \cdot 6}$ $2 \cdot 2 \sqrt[3]{6}$ $(4\sqrt[3]{6})$	15. $\sqrt[3]{-81p^2q^{12}}$ $\sqrt[3]{-27 \cdot 3p^2 \cdot q^{12}}$ $(-3q^4\sqrt[3]{3p^2})$
<b>16-21: Simplify the following cube roots:</b>		
16. $\sqrt[4]{w^4v^{16}}$ $4\sqrt[4]{w^4v^{16}}$ $(wv^4\sqrt[4]{v})$	17. $\sqrt[4]{48m^8n^3}$ $4\sqrt[4]{16 \cdot 3m^8n^3}$ $(2m^2\sqrt[4]{3n^3})$	18. $\sqrt[4]{625c^{23}d^{11}}$ $4\sqrt[4]{625c^{20}c^3d^8d^3}$ $(5c^5d^2\sqrt[4]{c^3d^3})$
19. $6\sqrt[4]{405}$ $6\sqrt[4]{81 \cdot 5}$ $6 \cdot 3 \sqrt[4]{5}$ $(18\sqrt[4]{5})$	20. $5\sqrt[4]{112c^{24}d^{13}}$ $5\sqrt[4]{16 \cdot 7c^{24}d^{12}d}$ $5 \cdot 2c^6d^3\sqrt[4]{7d}$ $(10c^6d^3\sqrt[4]{7d})$	21. $\sqrt[4]{243m^5n^{13}}$ $4\sqrt[4]{81 \cdot 3m^4mn^2n}$ $(3mn^3\sqrt[4]{3mn})$

☺ To simplify a fraction when the denominator contains a radical, you apply the quotient property of square roots. It is called "Rationalizing the Denominator".

<b>QUOTIENT PROPERTY:</b> $\sqrt{\frac{a}{b}} = \frac{\sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{b}}$
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**Rationalizing the Denominator:** When there is a radical in the denominator, apply the following:

If the denominator is:	Multiply the numerator and denominator by:	Examples:
$\sqrt{b}$	$\sqrt{b}$	$\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2}$

Examples:

a.  $\sqrt{\frac{3}{5}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{5}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{\sqrt{15}}{5}$

b.  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{25}} = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{5}$

c.  $\frac{6}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{6}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{6\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{4}} = \frac{6\sqrt{2}}{2} = 3\sqrt{2}$

<b>22-24: Simplify the following by rationalizing the denominator:</b>		
22. $\frac{11}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{11\sqrt{3}}{3}$	23. $\frac{\sqrt{27}}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{54}}{2}$	24. $\frac{5}{\sqrt{5}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{5\sqrt{5}}{5} = \sqrt{5}$