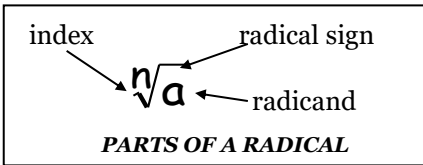


# Unit 5 Day 05 Simplifying Radicals Notes/HW



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

$$\sqrt{a^2} =$$

$$\sqrt{a \cdot a} =$$

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

**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:**

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

**Examples:**

a.  $\sqrt{8} = \sqrt{4} \cdot \sqrt{2} = 2\sqrt{2}$

b.  $\sqrt{96} = \sqrt{16} \cdot \sqrt{6} = 4\sqrt{6}$

c.  $2\sqrt{12} \cdot 5\sqrt{5} = 2 \cdot 5 \cdot \sqrt{12} \cdot \sqrt{5} = 10\sqrt{4} \cdot \sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{5} = 20\sqrt{15}$

<b>1-9: Simplify the following square roots:</b>		
<b>1.</b> $\sqrt{72}$	<b>2.</b> $4\sqrt{320}$	<b>3.</b> $2\sqrt{10} \cdot 3\sqrt{5}$
<b>4.</b> $\sqrt{32x^4y^9}$	<b>5.</b> $\sqrt{324a^3b^7}$	<b>6.</b> $3\sqrt{75}$
<b>7.</b> $\sqrt{5} \cdot \sqrt{10}$	<b>8.</b> $5\sqrt{150}$	<b>9.</b> $3\sqrt{49x^9y^{16}}$
<b>10-15: Simplify the following cube roots:</b>		
<b>10.</b> $\sqrt[3]{-64x^{10}y^{21}}$	<b>11.</b> $\sqrt[3]{216m^3n^6}$	<b>12.</b> $\sqrt[3]{-250}$

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

☺ 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. $\frac{11}{\sqrt{3}}$	23. $\frac{\sqrt{27}}{\sqrt{2}}$	24. $\frac{5}{\sqrt{5}}$