

Simplify.

1.  $x^{-1} = \frac{1}{x}$

2.  $3x^{-6} = \frac{3}{x^6}$

3.  $\frac{4}{b^{-7}} = 4b^7$

4.  $(ab^4)^1 = ab^4$

5.  $\frac{y^6}{y^4} = y^2$

6.  $\frac{p^4}{p} = p^3$

Warm Up

**Essential Question**

How can you use properties of exponents to simplify products and quotients of radicals?

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Work with a partner. Let  $a$  and  $b$  be real numbers. Use the properties of exponents to complete each statement. Then match each completed statement with the property it illustrates.

Statement Property

a.  $a^{-2} = \frac{1}{a^2}$ ,  $a \neq 0$

A. Product of Powers

b.  $(ab)^4 = a^4b^4$

B. Power of a Power

c.  $(a^3)^4 = a^{12}$

C. Power of a Product

d.  $a^3 \cdot a^4 = a^7$

D. Negative Exponent

e.  $\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^3 = \frac{a^3}{b^3}$ ,  $b \neq 0$

E. Zero Exponent

f.  $\frac{a^6}{a^2} = a^4$ ,  $a \neq 0$

F. Quotient of Powers

g.  $a^0 = 1$ ,  $a \neq 0$

G. Power of a Quotient

Exploration 1

$x^{-1} \rightarrow$  can't have a negative exponent  $\rightarrow$  switch location to make positive  
 $3x^{-6} \rightarrow$  remember the exponent only affects the base. = the value right in front  
 $\frac{y^6}{y^4}$  When the bases are the same, you keep the base and subtract the exponent.

We are going to find that our property rules for exponents are used in exactly the same way for rational exponents and radicals.

Product rules are shown again on slide #6 with book definitions and with examples.

Work with a partner. Show that you can apply the properties of integer exponents to rational exponents by simplifying each expression. Use a calculator to check your answers.

- a.  $5^{2/3} \cdot 5^{4/3}$       b.  $3^{1/5} \cdot 3^{4/5}$       c.  $(4^{2/3})^3$
- d.  $(10^{1/2})^4$       e.  $\frac{8^{3/2}}{8^{1/2}}$       f.  $\frac{7^{2/3}}{7^{5/3}}$

Exploration 2

a.) bases are the same, add and simplify exponents.  
 b.) same as a  
 c.) power to power - multiply and simplify the exponents  
 d.) same as c  
 E + F) Bases are the same, subtract and simplify the exponents.

Work with a partner. Use the properties of exponents to write each expression as a single radical. Then evaluate each expression. Use a calculator to check your answers.

- a.  $\sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{12}$       b.  $\sqrt[3]{5} \cdot \sqrt[3]{25}$       c.  $\sqrt[3]{27} \cdot \sqrt{3}$
- d.  $\frac{\sqrt{98}}{\sqrt{2}}$       e.  $\frac{\sqrt[3]{4}}{\sqrt[3]{1024}}$       f.  $\frac{\sqrt[3]{625}}{\sqrt[3]{5}}$

Exploration 3

Multiplication: multiply both values and put under the radical and simplify when you can.

Division: put all values under one radical and simplify the fraction as you can making sure there are no radicals left in the denominator.

**Core Concept**

**Properties of Rational Exponents**

Let  $a$  and  $b$  be real numbers and let  $m$  and  $n$  be rational numbers, such that the quantities in each property are real numbers.

Property Name	Definition	Example
Product of Powers	$a^m \cdot a^n = a^{m+n}$	$5^{1/2} \cdot 5^{3/2} = 5^{(1/2+3/2)} = 5^2 = 25$
Power of a Power	$(a^m)^n = a^{mn}$	$(3^{2/3})^3 = 3^{(2/3 \cdot 3)} = 3^2 = 243$
Power of a Product	$(ab)^m = a^m b^m$	$(16 \cdot 9)^{1/2} = 16^{1/2} \cdot 9^{1/2} = 4 \cdot 3 = 12$
Negative Exponent	$a^{-n} = \frac{1}{a^n}, a \neq 0$	$36^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{36^{1/2}} = \frac{1}{6}$
Zero Exponent	$a^0 = 1, a \neq 0$	$21^0 = 1$
Quotient of Powers	$\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}, a \neq 0$	$\frac{4^{3/2}}{4^{1/2}} = 4^{(3/2-1/2)} = 4^1 = 16$
Power of a Quotient	$(\frac{a}{b})^m = \frac{a^m}{b^m}, b \neq 0$	$(\frac{27}{64})^{1/3} = \frac{27^{1/3}}{64^{1/3}} = \frac{3}{4}$

Core Concept

\*Important to understand and be able to use

\*Can keep a copy in notes to use on tests and quizzes

Use the properties of rational exponents to simplify each expression.

a.  $7^{1/4} \cdot 7^{1/2} = 7^{(1/4+1/2)} = 7^{3/4}$

b.  $(6^{1/2} \cdot 4^{1/3})^2 = (6^{1/2})^2 \cdot (4^{1/3})^2 = 6^{(1/2 \cdot 2)} \cdot 4^{(1/3 \cdot 2)} = 6^1 \cdot 4^{2/3} = 6 \cdot 4^{2/3}$

c.  $(4^5 \cdot 3^5)^{-1/5} = [(4 \cdot 3)^5]^{-1/5} = (12^5)^{-1/5} = 12^{[5 \cdot (-1/5)]} = 12^{-1} = \frac{1}{12}$

Example 1 a-c

d.  $\frac{5}{5^{1/2}} = \frac{5^1}{5^{1/2}} = 5^{(1-1/2)} = 5^{1/2}$

e.  $\left(\frac{42^{1/3}}{6^{1/3}}\right)^2 = \left[\left(\frac{42}{6}\right)^{1/3}\right]^2 = (7^{1/3})^2 = 7^{(1/3 \cdot 2)} = 7^{2/3}$

Example 1 d-e

Simplify the expression.

1.  $2^{3/4} \cdot 2^{1/2}$

2.  $\frac{3}{3^{1/4}}$

3.  $\left(\frac{20^{1/2}}{5^{1/2}}\right)^3$

4.  $(5^{1/3} \cdot 7^{1/4})^3$

Monitoring Progress 1-4

\*Steps are done out on this slide - remember that when adding or subtracting fractions, the denominators must be the same (common). If they are not the same you make them the same by multiplying by the same number on the top and bottom (numerator and denominator.)

example e: sometimes it is easier to use the property rules in reverse. It will take fewer steps and less chance for mistakes.

practice problems - ask if questions

**Core Concept**

**Properties of Radicals**  
 Let  $a$  and  $b$  be real numbers and let  $n$  be an integer greater than 1.

Property Name	Definition	Example
Product Property	$\sqrt[n]{a \cdot b} = \sqrt[n]{a} \cdot \sqrt[n]{b}$	$\sqrt[3]{4} \cdot \sqrt[3]{2} = \sqrt[3]{8} = 2$
Quotient Property	$\sqrt[n]{\frac{a}{b}} = \frac{\sqrt[n]{a}}{\sqrt[n]{b}}, b \neq 0$	$\frac{\sqrt[3]{162}}{\sqrt[3]{2}} = \sqrt[3]{\frac{162}{2}} = \sqrt[3]{81} = 3$

Core Concept

Additional definitions that can be used on tests and quizzes.

Use the properties of radicals to simplify each expression.

a.  $\sqrt[3]{12} \cdot \sqrt[3]{18} = \sqrt[3]{12 \cdot 18} = \sqrt[3]{216} = 6$  Product Property of Radicals

b.  $\frac{\sqrt[3]{80}}{\sqrt[3]{5}} = \sqrt[3]{\frac{80}{5}} = \sqrt[3]{16} = 2$  Quotient Property of Radicals

An expression involving a radical with index  $n$  is in simplest form when these three conditions are met.

- No radicands have perfect  $n$ th powers as factors other than 1.
- No radicands contain fractions.
- No radicals appear in the denominator of a fraction.

To meet the last two conditions, rationalize the denominator. This involves multiplying both the numerator and denominator by an appropriate form of 1 that creates a perfect  $n$ th power in the denominator.

Example 2

Always make sure to simplify the complete problem

No exponents left as fractions

No radicals left in the denominator

Write each expression in simplest form.

a.  $\sqrt[3]{135}$

Handwritten work for a:  $\sqrt[3]{135} = \sqrt[3]{27 \cdot 5} = \sqrt[3]{27} \cdot \sqrt[3]{5} = 3\sqrt[3]{5}$

b.  $\frac{\sqrt[3]{7}}{\sqrt[3]{8}}$

Handwritten work for b:  $\frac{\sqrt[3]{7}}{\sqrt[3]{8}} = \frac{\sqrt[3]{7} \cdot \sqrt[3]{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2}}{\sqrt[3]{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2} \cdot \sqrt[3]{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2}} = \frac{\sqrt[3]{14}}{2}$

Example 3

\* don't use calculator to simplify - credit will not be given if a calculator is used.

Write  $\frac{1}{5+\sqrt{3}}$  in simplest form.

$$\frac{1}{5+\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{(5-\sqrt{3})}{(5-\sqrt{3})} = \frac{5-\sqrt{3}}{22}$$

5	+√3	= 25-3=22
5	25	
-√3	-5√3	

$-√9 = -3$

Example 4

Simplify each expression.

a.  $4\sqrt{10} + 7\sqrt{10}$     b.  $2(8^{1/5}) + 10(8^{1/5})$     c.  $\sqrt[3]{54} - \sqrt[3]{2}$

$14\sqrt{10} + 7\sqrt{10}$

$\boxed{18\sqrt{10}}$     b)  $2\sqrt[5]{8} + 10\sqrt[5]{8}$

$\boxed{12\sqrt[5]{8}}$

c)  $3\sqrt[3]{2} - \sqrt[3]{2}$

$\boxed{2\sqrt[3]{2}}$

$\begin{matrix} 54 \\ \uparrow \\ 3 \end{matrix}$   
 $\begin{matrix} 27 \\ \uparrow \\ 3 \end{matrix}$   
 $\begin{matrix} 9 \\ \uparrow \\ 3 \end{matrix}$   
 $\begin{matrix} 3 \\ \uparrow \\ 3 \end{matrix}$

Example 5

Simplify the expression.

5.  $\sqrt[3]{27} \cdot \sqrt[3]{3}$     6.  $\frac{\sqrt[3]{250}}{\sqrt[3]{2}}$     7.  $\sqrt[3]{104}$     8.  $\sqrt[3]{\frac{3}{4}}$

9.  $\frac{3}{6-\sqrt{2}}$     10.  $7\sqrt[3]{12} - \sqrt[3]{12}$     11.  $4(9^{2/3}) + 8(9^{2/3})$     12.  $\sqrt[3]{5} + \sqrt[3]{40}$

Rationalize the denominator  
 Use the same terms, but  
 opposite operations - the  
 binomials will be the  
 factored form of the  
 difference of perfect  
 squares.

a) when index and number  
 under the radical are the  
 same, add the coefficient

b) switch rational exponents  
 to radicals then add.

c) Simplify each radical  
 then subtract.

\* additional practice -  
 do on your own, please  
 ask if you have  
 questions.

Simplify each expression.

a.  $\sqrt[3]{64y^6}$

$4 \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ 16 \\ \uparrow \\ 4 \end{matrix}$   $y \cdot y \cdot y$   
 $y \cdot y \cdot y$

$\sqrt[3]{64y^6} =$

$\boxed{4y^2}$

b.  $\sqrt{\frac{x^4}{y^8}}$

$\sqrt[4]{x^4} \rightarrow \frac{x}{x} = 1$   
 $\sqrt[4]{y^8} \rightarrow \frac{y^2}{y^2} = 2$

$\boxed{\frac{x}{y^2}}$

Example 6

Write each expression in simplest form.  
Assume all variables are positive.

a.  $\sqrt[3]{4a^9b^{14}c^5}$     b.  $\frac{x}{\sqrt[3]{y^9}}$     c.  $\frac{14xy^{10}}{2x^{3/4}z^{-6}}$

Example 7

Perform each indicated operation.  
Assume all variables are positive.

a.  $5\sqrt{y} + 6\sqrt{y}$     b.  $12\sqrt[3]{2z^5} - z\sqrt[3]{54z^2}$

Example 8

Follow the same steps even when variables are used.

\* When exponents are under the radical, use the index and divide the exponent, that is the value you take out from under the radical

\* Student practice - please try on your own and ask any questions

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Simplify the expression. Assume all variables are positive.

13.  $\sqrt[3]{27q^9}$

14.  $\sqrt{\frac{x^{10}}{y^3}}$

15.  $\frac{6xy^{3/4}}{3x^{1/2}y^{1/2}}$

16.  $\sqrt{9w^2} - w\sqrt{w^2}$

Monitoring Progress 13-16

• **Muddiest Point:** Ask students to identify, aloud or on a paper to be collected, the muddiest point(s) about the lesson. What was difficult to understand?

Closure

\* additional student practice.

\* Send me an e-mail with anything that you still need help on. Please be specific. Check to see when I am after school so we can meet to go over questions.

