Radicals

Radicals are expressions that involve a root sign. \sqrt{n} is called a radical.

radical sign \sqrt{n} radicand

Addition and Subtraction

Adding and subtracting radicals is like algebra - they have to be "like terms"; that is, <u>the radicals must match</u>.

Examples: $6\sqrt{7} - 4\sqrt{7} = 2\sqrt{7}$ $5\sqrt{2} + 3\sqrt{2} = 8\sqrt{2}$ $\sqrt{3} + 2\sqrt{5} + 10\sqrt{5} = \sqrt{3} + 12\sqrt{5}$



Multiplication and DivisionProperties:1) $\sqrt{m} \times \sqrt{n} \Leftrightarrow \sqrt{m \times n}$ 2) $\frac{\sqrt{m}}{\sqrt{n}} \Leftrightarrow \sqrt{\frac{m}{n}}$ Example: $4\sqrt{2} \times 3\sqrt{6}$

Multiply/divide the coefficients and multiply/divide the radicands. Like terms are <u>not</u> necessary.

$$4\sqrt{2} \times 3\sqrt{6} = (4 \times 3)\sqrt{2 \times 6}$$
$$= 12\sqrt{12} = 24\sqrt{3}$$

Examples: $5\sqrt{20} \div 3\sqrt{10} = (5 \div 3)\sqrt{20 \div 10}$ $= \frac{5}{3}\sqrt{2}$ $2\sqrt{3} \times 6\sqrt{8} \div 4\sqrt{12} = 3\sqrt{2}$

$$2\sqrt{3} \times 6\sqrt{8} \div 4\sqrt{12} = 3\sqrt{2}$$

$$12\sqrt{3 \cdot 8}^{-7} \div 4\sqrt{12}$$

$$12\sqrt{24} \div 4\sqrt{12}$$

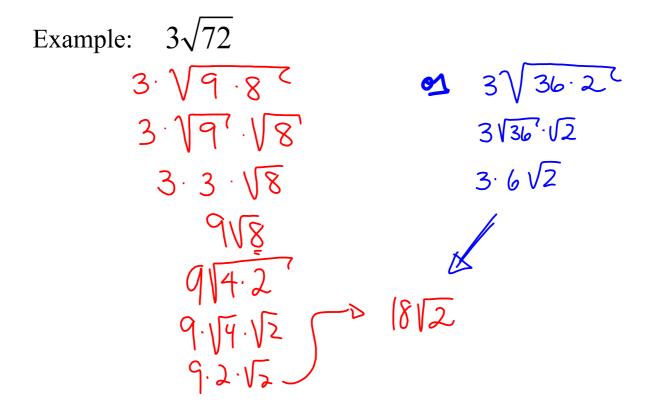
$$3\sqrt{24 \cdot 12}$$

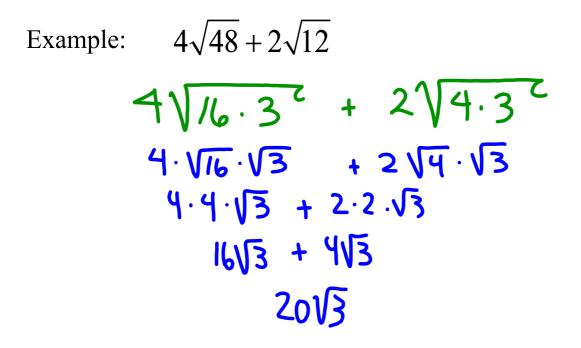
Simplifying Radicals

Many radicals can be simplified.

Example: $\sqrt{27}$

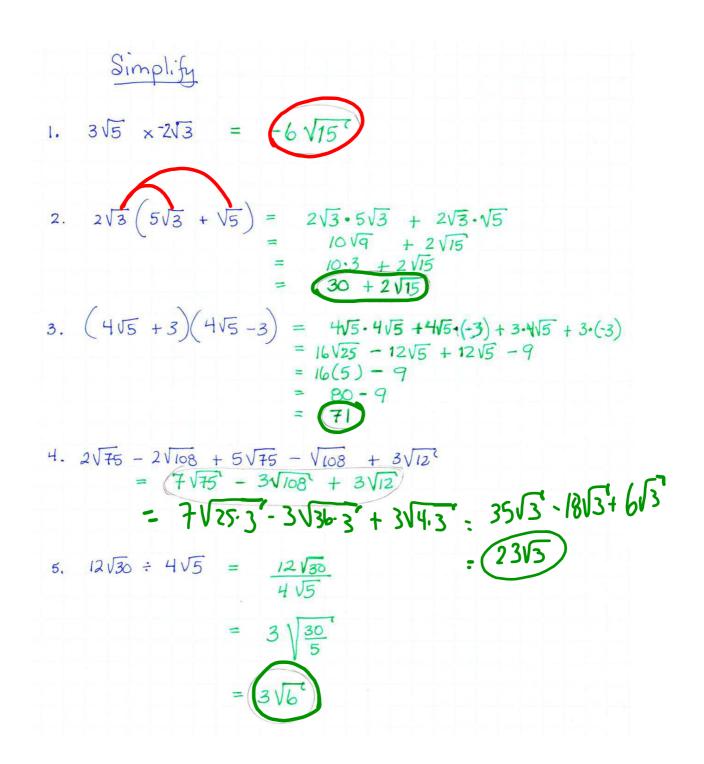
- 1. Break down the radicand into two factors one of which is a perfect square. $\sqrt{27} = \sqrt{9 \cdot 3}$
- 2. Apply the multiplication property of radicals to create a coefficient times a radical. $\sqrt{9.3} = \sqrt{9.53} = 3.\sqrt{3} = (3\sqrt{3})$





Try these!

- 1. $3\sqrt{5} \times (-2\sqrt{3})$ 2. $2\sqrt{3}(5\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{5})$
- 3. $(4\sqrt{5}+3)(4\sqrt{5}-3)$ 4. $12\sqrt{30} \div 4\sqrt{5}$
- 5. $2\sqrt{75} 2\sqrt{108} + 5\sqrt{75} \sqrt{108} + 3\sqrt{12}$



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