

Square each of the following numbers

Perfect Squares

Take the square root of each of your perfect squares

Square Roots

1^2	2^2	3^2	4^2	5^2	6^2	7^2	8^2	9^2	10^2	11	12
1×1	2×2	3×3	4×4	5×5	6×6	7×7	8×8	9×9	10×10	11×11	12×12
1	4	9	16	25	36	49	64	81	100	121	144
$\sqrt{1}$	$\sqrt{4}$	$\sqrt{9}$	$\sqrt{16}$	$\sqrt{25}$	$\sqrt{36}$	$\sqrt{49}$	$\sqrt{64}$	$\sqrt{81}$	$\sqrt{100}$	$\sqrt{121}$	$\sqrt{144}$
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

Perfect Squares are the product of a number multiplied by itself ($4 \cdot 4 = 16$; 16 is the perfect square).

Think about the process we just performed: **Number \rightarrow Squared It \rightarrow Took Square Root \rightarrow Same Number**

A root and an exponent are **inverses** of each other (they undo each other). Therefore, square roots and squaring a number are **inverses** or they undo each other, just like adding and subtracting undo each other.

When are Radical Expressions in Simplest Form?

A **Radical** expression is in **simplest form** if:

- No perfect square factors other than 1 are in the radicand (ex. $\sqrt{20} = \sqrt{4 \cdot 5}$)

$$\sqrt{20} = \sqrt{4 \cdot 5} = 2 \cdot \sqrt{5} = \boxed{2\sqrt{5}}$$

Simplifying Radicals

Guided Example: Simplify $\sqrt{108}$

$$\sqrt{36} \cdot \sqrt{3} = 6 \cdot \sqrt{3} \text{ OR } \boxed{6\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 108 \\ 1 \ 108 \\ 34 \ 27 \\ \hline 36 \ 3 \end{array}$$

Practice:

a. $\sqrt{16} = \boxed{4}$

b. $\sqrt{48} = \sqrt{16} \cdot \sqrt{3} = 4 \cdot \sqrt{3} = \boxed{4\sqrt{3}}$

c. $\sqrt{28} = \sqrt{4} \cdot \sqrt{7} = 2 \cdot \sqrt{7} = \boxed{2\sqrt{7}}$

d. $\sqrt{14} = \sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{7} = \sqrt{14}$

$3 \cdot \sqrt{96} = 3 \cdot (\sqrt{16} \cdot \sqrt{6}) = 3 \cdot 4 \cdot \sqrt{6} = \boxed{12\sqrt{6}}$

f. $4\sqrt{20} = 4 \cdot 2\sqrt{5} = 8 \cdot \sqrt{5} \text{ OR } \boxed{8\sqrt{5}}$

g. $6\sqrt{120} = 6 \cdot \sqrt{4} \cdot \sqrt{30} = 6 \cdot 2 \cdot \sqrt{30} = \boxed{12\sqrt{30}}$

h. $2\sqrt{36} = 2 \cdot 6 = \boxed{12}$

coefficient

radical symbol

$$4\sqrt{10}$$

radicand

$$4 \cdot \sqrt{10}$$

$$4^x \sqrt{10}$$