

## 6.2 Radicals & Rational Exponents DAY TWO

### WARM-UP: Review

1)  $142^0$

2)  $(-16)^0 - 16^0$

3)  $3x^2 + 4x^3 - 2x^2$

4)  $3x^2 \cdot 4x^3 \cdot (-2x^2)$

5)  $(x^4)^5$

6)  $4(2x)^3$

7)  $(x^{\frac{1}{3}})^2$

8)  $4^{\frac{1}{2}}$

9)  $81^{\frac{1}{4}}$

10)  $(-27)^{\frac{1}{3}}$

### WARM-UP: Review ANSWERS PEMDAS

1)  $142^0 = 1$

2)  $(-16)^0 = 1 - 16^0 = -1$

3)  $\boxed{3x^2} + 4x^3 - \boxed{2x^2} = 4x^3 + x^2$

4)  $\underline{3x^2} \cdot \underline{4x^3} \cdot (\underline{-2x^2}) = \underline{-24x^7}$

5)  $(x^4)^5 = x^{20}$

6)  $4(2x)^3$

7)  $(x^{\frac{1}{3}})^2 = x^{\frac{2}{3}} = 4(8x^3) = \boxed{32x^3}$   
 $x^{\frac{1}{3} \cdot 2} = x^{\frac{2}{3}}$

8)  $4^{\frac{1}{2}} = 2 = \sqrt{4}$

9)  $81^{\frac{1}{4}} = 3$

10)  $(-27)^{\frac{1}{3}} = -3$

A rational exponent does not have to be of the form  $\frac{1}{n}$ . Other rational numbers such as  $\frac{3}{2}$  can also be used as exponents. You can use the properties of exponents to evaluate or simplify expressions involving rational exponents.

## CORE CONCEPT

### Rational Exponents

Let  $a^{\frac{1}{n}}$  be an  $n^{\text{th}}$  root of  $a$ , and let  $m$  be a positive integer.

Algebra	$a^{\frac{m}{n}} = \left(a^{\frac{1}{n}}\right)^m = \left(\sqrt[n]{a}\right)^m$
Numbers	$27^{\frac{2}{3}} = \left(27^{\frac{1}{3}}\right)^2 = \left(\sqrt[3]{27}\right)^2 = (3)^2 = 9$

Whole Number Cubed	Perfect Cube (cube root is whole number)
$0^3$	$0 \cdot 0 \cdot 0 = 0$ $\sqrt[3]{0} = 0$
$1^3$	$1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 = 1$ $\sqrt[3]{1} = 1$
$2^3$	$2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 = 8$ $\sqrt[3]{8} = 2$
$3^3$	$3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 = 27$ $\sqrt[3]{27} = 3$
$4^3$	$4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 = 64$ $\sqrt[3]{64} = 4$
$5^3$	$5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 = 125$ $\sqrt[3]{125} = 5$
$6^3$	$6 \cdot 6 \cdot 6 = 216$ $\sqrt[3]{216} = 6$
$7^3$	$7 \cdot 7 \cdot 7 = 343$ $\sqrt[3]{343} = 7$
$8^3$	$8 \cdot 8 \cdot 8 = 512$ $\sqrt[3]{512} = 8$
$9^3$	$9 \cdot 9 \cdot 9 = 729$ $\sqrt[3]{729} = 9$

**Evaluate.**

a)  $16^{\frac{3}{4}}$

$$\left(\sqrt[4]{16}\right)^3 = \left(\sqrt[4]{2^4}\right)^3 = (2)^3 = \boxed{8}$$

b)  $27^{\frac{4}{3}}$

$$= \left(\sqrt[3]{27}\right)^4 = (3)^4 = 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 = \boxed{81}$$

**Your Turn to Evaluate:**

1)  $243^{\frac{2}{5}}$

$\sqrt[5]{243}$	3
Ans <sup>2</sup>	9

$$\left(\sqrt[5]{243}\right)^2 = \left(\sqrt[5]{3^5}\right)^2 = (3)^2 = \boxed{9}$$

2)  $16^{\frac{3}{2}}$

$16^{(3/2)}$	64
$4^3$	64

$$\left(\sqrt{16}\right)^3 = \left(\sqrt{4^2}\right)^3 = 4^3 = \boxed{64}$$

**Real-Life Application Example:**

The radius,  $r$ , of a sphere is given by the equation  $r = \left(\frac{3V}{4\pi}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$ , where  $V$  is the volume of the sphere. Find the radius of the beach ball to the nearest foot.

Volume of a sphere:  $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$

$$r = \left(\frac{3(113)}{4(3.14)}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$= \left(\frac{339}{12.56}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} = (26.99)^{\frac{1}{3}} = \sqrt[3]{26.99} \approx 2.99916 \approx \boxed{3 \text{ ft}}$$



$3(113)$		$26.99044586$
$4(3.14)$	$339$	$26.99^{(1/3)}$
	$12.56$	$2.999629584$
$339/12.56$		$\sqrt[3]{26.99}$
$26.99044586$		$2.999629584$

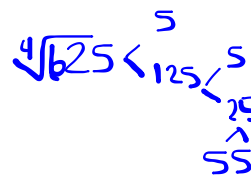
### End of Section Quiz Review:

1) Find the indicated real  $n$ th roots of  $a$  when  $n = 4$  and  $a = 625$ .

$\sqrt[4]{625}$

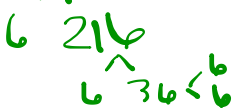
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$\boxed{5}$



Evaluate each expression.

2)  $-\sqrt[4]{1296}$   $\boxed{-6}$



3)  $64^{\frac{4}{3}}$

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$64^{(4/3)}$

$(\sqrt[3]{64})^4 = (\sqrt[3]{4^3})^4$

256

$= 4^4 = \boxed{256}$

4) Use the equation  $r = \left(\frac{F}{P}\right)^{\frac{1}{n}} - 1$  to calculate the annual inflation rate  $r$  (in decimal form) of an item that increases in value from  $P$  to  $F$  over  $n$  years. The cost of a gallon of milk increased from \$2.81 to \$3.48 over 10 years. Find the annual inflation rate to the nearest tenth of a percent.

$\frac{3.48}{2.81} = 1.238434164$   
 $\sqrt[10]{1.238} = 1.021579253$

$\left(\frac{3.48}{2.81}\right)^{\frac{1}{10}} - 1$

$(1.238)^{\frac{1}{10}} - 1 = 1.022 - 1 = 0.022 \quad \boxed{2.2\%}$

### 6.2 DAY TWO Assignment:

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