

## 1.5B: Working with Radicals - Day 2

Ex. 1 Multiply each of the following:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{a) } & 4\sqrt{5}(2\sqrt{8}-3\sqrt{5}) \\
 & = 8\sqrt{40} - 12 \cdot 5 \\
 & = 8\sqrt{4 \cdot 10} \\
 & = 16\sqrt{10} - 60
 \end{aligned}$$

How? Distributive Property.  
May need to simplify after multiplying.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{b) } & (2\sqrt{3}-\sqrt{5})(4\sqrt{3}+2\sqrt{5}) \\
 & = 8 \cdot 3 + \cancel{4\sqrt{15}} - \cancel{4\sqrt{15}} - 2 \cdot 5 \\
 & = 24 - 10 \\
 & = 14
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{c) } & (2\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{3})^2 \\
 & = (2\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{3})(2\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{3}) \\
 & = 4 \cdot 5 - \underbrace{2\sqrt{15} - 2\sqrt{15}} + 3 \\
 & = 20 - 4\sqrt{15} + 3 \\
 & = 23 - 4\sqrt{15}
 \end{aligned}$$

Ex. 2 Simplify each of the following:



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$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } & \frac{12+3\sqrt{12}}{4} \\ &= \frac{12+6\sqrt{3}}{4} \\ &= \frac{6+3\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

How many terms are in the numerator? 2 terms  
Can the 4 be divided out?

$$\frac{12}{4} + \frac{6\sqrt{3}}{4} = \frac{6}{2} + \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

What is the GCF between 4, 6, 12?

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } & \frac{15 \pm \sqrt{27}}{3} \\ &= \frac{\overset{5}{\cancel{15}} \pm \overset{3}{\cancel{3}}\sqrt{3}}{\cancel{3}} \\ &= 5 \pm \sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$

← Look familiar?

Ex. 3 Simplify - Rationalizing Denominators

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } & \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{5}} \\ & = \frac{2\sqrt{5}}{5} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } & \frac{3\sqrt{5}}{4\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} \\ & = \frac{3\sqrt{10}}{4 \cdot 2} \\ & = \frac{3\sqrt{10}}{8} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c) } & \frac{\cancel{5\sqrt{10}}}{\cancel{3} \cancel{15\sqrt{20}}^{\sqrt{2}}} \quad \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{16}}{\sqrt{2} \cancel{\sqrt{10}}} \right. \\ & = \frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} \\ & = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{6} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{d) } & \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{2}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[3]{2}}{\sqrt[3]{2}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[3]{2}}{\sqrt[3]{2}} \\ & = \frac{\sqrt[3]{4}}{\sqrt[3]{8}} \quad \left\{ \frac{(\sqrt[3]{2})^2}{(\sqrt[3]{2})^3} \right. \\ & = \frac{\sqrt[3]{4}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{e) } & \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{32}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{8 \cdot 4}} \\ & = \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{8} \cdot \sqrt[3]{4}} \\ & = \frac{1}{2 \sqrt[3]{4}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[3]{4}}{\sqrt[3]{4}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[3]{4}}{\sqrt[3]{4}} \\ & = \frac{\sqrt[3]{16}}{2 \cdot 4} \\ & = \frac{\sqrt[3]{8} \sqrt[3]{2}}{8} \\ & = \frac{\cancel{2} \sqrt[3]{2}}{8^{\cancel{4}}} \\ & = \frac{\sqrt[3]{2}}{4} \end{aligned}$$

What if the denominator is a binomial?

$$f) \frac{5}{2\sqrt{6}-\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{2\sqrt{6}+\sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{6}+\sqrt{3}}$$

$$= \frac{10\sqrt{6}+5\sqrt{3}}{4 \cdot 6 + 2\sqrt{18} - 2\sqrt{18} - 3}$$

$$= \frac{10\sqrt{6}+5\sqrt{3}}{21}$$

You must multiply by the **conjugate**.

The conjugate of  $a + b$  is  $a - b$ .  
Change the sign between the two terms.

Why conjugates?  
See a familiar pattern?

$$\left. \begin{aligned} (a-b)(a+b) \\ = a^2 - b^2 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$g) \frac{\sqrt{2}+\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{6}-\sqrt{10}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{6}+\sqrt{10}}{\sqrt{6}+\sqrt{10}}$$

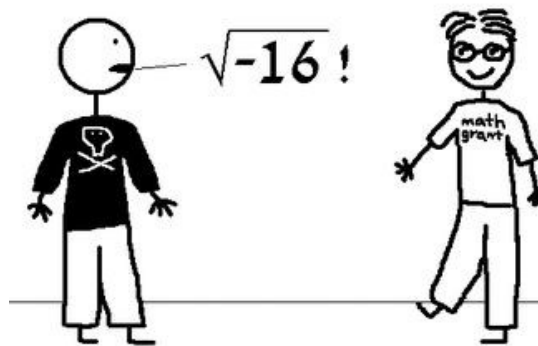
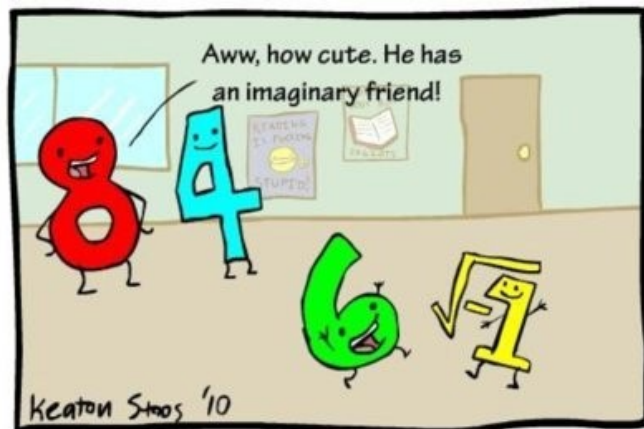
$$= \frac{\sqrt{12}+\sqrt{20}+\sqrt{30}+\sqrt{50}}{6-10}$$

$$= \frac{2\sqrt{3}+2\sqrt{5}+\sqrt{30}+5\sqrt{2}}{-4}$$

$$= -\frac{5\sqrt{2}+2\sqrt{3}+2\sqrt{5}+\sqrt{30}}{4}$$

# Homework

p. 39 #7cdef, 8bc, 12, 15, 16abde, 17



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