

Algebra 1      7.3

Evaluate and rewrite expressions involving rational exponents

Solve equations with rational exponents

rational

inverse operation

radical sign

square root

cube root

nth root

\* exponential equation

matching activity (if time)

whiteboards

## Quiz 7.1-7.2

$$\sqrt{17} \quad (17)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$
$$5\sqrt{x} \quad 5 \cdot (x)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

finally found the square root!



### Guided Practice

1A.  $a^{\frac{1}{2}}$

$$\sqrt{a}$$

1B.  $\sqrt{22}$

$$(22)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

1C.  $(7w)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

$$\sqrt{7w}$$

1D.  $2\sqrt{x}$

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

**Guided**Practice

2A.  $\sqrt[3]{64}$

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$$(64)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

2B.  $\sqrt[4]{10,000}$

$$(10,000)^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

$$\sqrt[2]{x} = \sqrt{x}$$

Dominoes activity:

Shuffle face down

Each person takes 5 dominoes. The others remain face down.

Player 1 places a domino face up on the table.

Player 2 matches either end of the domino.

If unable to do so, draws one from the unused pile.

If player 2 can play the domino drawn, they may do so.

Players alternate turns until all dominoes are played.

10 min.



$$3^x = 3^5$$

$$x = 5$$

Are the numbers equal?  
Are the bases the same?  
Well then....

### Example 5 Solve Exponential Equations

Solve each equation.

a.  $6^x = 216$  ?

$$6^x = 6^3$$
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Hint: can both sides be written using the same base?  
(If the numbers are equal, and the bases are the same...)

$$x = 3$$

b.  $25^{x-1} = 5$

$$(5^2)^{x-1} = 5^1$$

$$x = 1.5$$

$$2x - 2 = 1$$

$$+2 \quad +2$$

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$$\frac{2}{2}x = \frac{3}{2}$$

### Guided Practice

5A.  $5^x = 125$

$$5^x = 5^3$$

$$x = 3$$

5B.  $12^{2x+3} = 144$

$$12^{2x+3} = 12^2$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 2x+3 & = & 2 \\ -3 & -3 & \\ \hline \end{array} \quad x = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{2x}{2} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

Solve each equation.

79.  $2^{5x} = 8^{2x-4}$

$$2^{5x} = (2^3)^{(2x-4)}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 5x = 6x - 12 \\ -6x \quad -6x \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -x = -12 \\ \underline{-1} \quad \underline{-1} \end{array} \quad x = 12$$

80.  $81^{2x-3} = 9^{x+3}$

$$(9^2)^{2x-3} = 9^{x+3}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 4x - 6 = x + 3 \\ -x + 6 \quad -x + 6 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x = 9 \\ \underline{3} \quad \underline{3} \end{array} \quad x = 3$$



$$82. 16^x = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$16^x = 2^{-1}$$

$$(2^4)^x = 2^{-1}$$

$$\frac{4}{4}x = -\frac{1}{4}$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{4}$$

$$83. 25^x = \frac{1}{125}$$

$$25^x = 125^{-1}$$

$$(5^2)^x = (5^3)^{-1}$$

$$\frac{2}{2}x = -\frac{3}{2}$$

$$x = -\frac{3}{2}$$

$$8^{x-3}$$

$$(2^3)^{x-3}$$

$$3x-9$$

