

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

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

## Quiz 7.1-7.2

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.**  $\sqrt[3]{64}$

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

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

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

$$\sqrt[3]{x} = \sqrt{x}$$

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.  $6^x = 216$

$$\begin{aligned} 6^x &= 6^3 \\ 6^x &= 6^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$x = 3$$

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

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

$$x = 1.5$$

Hint: can both sides be written using the same base?

(If the numbers are equal, and the bases are the same...)

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

## Guided Practice

5A.  $5^x = 125$

$$5^x = 5^3$$

$$x = 3$$

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

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

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

Solve each equation.

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

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

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

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

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

$$\begin{array}{r} 4x - 6 = x + 3 \\ -x + 6 \quad -x + 6 \\ \hline 3x = 9 \quad x = 3 \end{array}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$8^{x-3}$$
$$(2^3)^{x-3}$$
$$3x-9$$

