

Algebra 2 6.6

Write expressions with rational exponents in radical form and vice versa  
Simplify expressions in exponential and radical form

radical form  
rational exponents  
Quiz Thurs. 6.5-6.6  
whiteboards

$$\sqrt[4]{100} = 100^{\frac{1}{4}} \quad b^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{b}.$$
$$\sqrt[4]{10^2} = 10^{\frac{2}{4}} = 10^{\frac{1}{2}}$$
$$\sqrt{10} \quad \text{''}$$

**CCSS PRECISION** Simplify each expression.

10.  $a^{\frac{3}{4}} \cdot a^{\frac{1}{2}}$

$$\frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3+2}{4}$$

a

$$a^{\frac{5}{4}}$$

11.  $\frac{x^{\frac{4}{5}}}{x^{\frac{1}{5}}}$

$$\frac{4}{5} - \frac{1}{5}$$

x

$$x^{\frac{3}{5}}$$

12.  $\frac{b^3}{c^{\frac{1}{2}}} \cdot \frac{c^1}{b^{\frac{1}{3}}}$

$$\frac{b^3 c^1}{b^{\frac{1}{3}} c^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

$$b^{3-\frac{1}{3}} c^{1-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$b^{\frac{8}{3}} c^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

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13.  $\sqrt[4]{9g^2}$

$\downarrow$   
3 $^{\frac{2}{4}}$  9 $^{\frac{2}{4}}$   
3 $^{\frac{1}{2}}$  9 $^{\frac{1}{2}}$

$\sqrt{3g}$

14.  $\frac{\sqrt[5]{64}}{\sqrt[5]{4}}$

$\frac{2^{\frac{6}{5}}}{2^{\frac{2}{5}}} = 2^{\frac{6}{5} - \frac{2}{5}} = 2^{\frac{4}{5}}$

$\sqrt[5]{2^4} = \sqrt[5]{16}$

15.  $\frac{\sqrt{g}-1}{g-1}$

New today... Try writing in radical form:

$$\frac{(\sqrt{g}-1)}{(\sqrt{g}+1)} \cdot \frac{(\sqrt{g}-1)}{(\sqrt{g}-1)} = \frac{g+1-2\sqrt{g}}{g-1}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{g}-1}{\sqrt{g}-1} \quad \frac{\sqrt{g}+1}{\sqrt{g}-1}$$


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$$g - \sqrt{g} + 1 \quad g - \sqrt{g} - 1$$

$$-27^{\frac{2}{3}} \quad -1 \cdot 27^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

### Concept Summary Expressions with Rational Exponents

An expression with rational exponents is simplified when all of the following conditions are met.

- It has no negative exponents.
- It has no exponents that are not positive integers in the denominator.
- It is not a complex fraction.
- The index of any remaining radical is the **least number possible**.

$$(-256)^{\frac{3}{4}}$$

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$$-1 \cdot 256$$

$$x^{\frac{6}{10}} \quad x^{\frac{3}{5}} \quad \sqrt[5]{x^3}$$

$$-1 \sqrt[4]{256^3}$$

$$-1 \cdot 4^3 = -64$$

Final answer is in same form as original problem:  
 radical >>> radical  
 fractional exponents >>> fractional exponents

$$\begin{aligned} & -27^{\frac{2}{3}} \\ & -1 \cdot 27^{\frac{2}{3}} \\ & -1 \cdot \sqrt[3]{27^2} \\ & -1 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \\ & \Downarrow -9 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (-27)^{\frac{2}{3}} \\ & \sqrt[3]{-27}^2 \\ & -3 \cdot -3 \\ & 9 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \frac{g^{\frac{3}{5} + \frac{1}{2}}}{10} \\
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 \frac{g^{\frac{3}{5}} - 1}{g^{\frac{1}{2}} + 1}
 \end{array}
 \cdot
 \frac{\left( \frac{\sqrt[5]{g^3} - 1}{\sqrt{g} + 1} \right) \left( \frac{\sqrt{g} - 1}{\sqrt{g} - 1} \right)}{g^{-1}}
 =
 \frac{g^{\frac{11}{10}} - g^{\frac{3}{5}} - g^{\frac{1}{2}} + 1}{g - 1}$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \frac{g^{\frac{3}{5}} - 1}{g^{\frac{1}{2}} - 1} \\
 \hline
 \frac{g^{\frac{3}{5} + \frac{1}{2}} - g^{\frac{3}{5}} + 1}{g - g^{\frac{1}{2}}}
 \end{array}
 \cdot
 \frac{\sqrt{g} + 1}{\sqrt{g} - 1}
 =
 \frac{g^{-1}}{g - 1}$$

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$$\left(\frac{125}{216}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{\sqrt[3]{125^2}}{\sqrt[3]{216^2}} = \frac{25}{36}$$

$$\left(n^{\frac{3}{5}}\right)^{\frac{2}{5}} = n^{\frac{6}{25}}$$

$$\left(u^{\frac{1}{3}}\right)^{\frac{4}{5}} = u^{\frac{4}{15}}$$

$$\left(x^2\right)^3 = x^6$$