

6.2 Apply Properties of Rational Exponents



- Before**
- Now**
- Why?**

You simplified expressions involving integer exponents.
 You will simplify expressions involving rational exponents.
 So you can find velocities, as in Ex. 84.

Key Vocabulary

- simplest form of a radical
- like radicals

The properties of integer exponents you learned in Lesson 5.1 can also be applied to rational exponents.

KEY CONCEPT *For Your Notebook*

Properties of Rational Exponents

Let a and b be real numbers and let m and n be rational numbers. The following properties have the same names as those listed on page 330, but now apply to rational exponents as illustrated.

Property	Example
1. $a^m \cdot a^n = a^{m+n}$	$5^{1/2} \cdot 5^{3/2} = 5^{(1/2 + 3/2)} = 5^2 = 25$
2. $(a^m)^n = a^{mn}$	$(3^{5/2})^2 = 3^{(5/2 \cdot 2)} = 3^5 = 243$
3. $(ab)^m = a^m b^m$	$(16 \cdot 9)^{1/2} = 16^{1/2} \cdot 9^{1/2} = 4 \cdot 3 = 12$
4. $a^{-m} = \frac{1}{a^m}, a \neq 0$	$36^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{36^{1/2}} = \frac{1}{6}$
5. $\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}, a \neq 0$	$\frac{4^{5/2}}{4^{1/2}} = 4^{(5/2 - 1/2)} = 4^2 = 16$
6. $\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^m = \frac{a^m}{b^m}, b \neq 0$	$\left(\frac{27}{64}\right)^{1/3} = \frac{27^{1/3}}{64^{1/3}} = \frac{3}{4}$

EXAMPLE 1 Use properties of exponents

Use the properties of rational exponents to simplify the expression.

- a. $7^{1/4} \cdot 7^{1/2} = 7^{(1/4 + 1/2)} = 7^{3/4}$
- b. $(6^{1/2} \cdot 4^{1/3})^2 = (6^{1/2})^2 \cdot (4^{1/3})^2 = 6^{(1/2 \cdot 2)} \cdot 4^{(1/3 \cdot 2)} = 6^1 \cdot 4^{2/3} = 6 \cdot 4^{2/3}$
- c. $(4^5 \cdot 3^5)^{-1/5} = [(4 \cdot 3)^5]^{-1/5} = (12^5)^{-1/5} = 12^{[5 \cdot (-1/5)]} = 12^{-1} = \frac{1}{12}$
- d. $\frac{5}{5^{1/3}} = \frac{5^1}{5^{1/3}} = 5^{(1 - 1/3)} = 5^{2/3}$
- e. $\left(\frac{42^{1/3}}{6^{1/3}}\right)^2 = \left[\left(\frac{42}{6}\right)^{1/3}\right]^2 = (7^{1/3})^2 = 7^{(1/3 \cdot 2)} = 7^{2/3}$

EXAMPLE 2 Apply properties of exponents

BIOLOGY A mammal's surface area S (in square centimeters) can be approximated by the model $S = km^{2/3}$ where m is the mass (in grams) of the mammal and k is a constant. The values of k for some mammals are shown below. Approximate the surface area of a rabbit that has a mass of 3.4 kilograms (3.4×10^3 grams).

Mammal	Sheep	Rabbit	Horse	Human	Monkey	Bat
k	8.4	9.75	10.0	11.0	11.8	57.5

Solution

$$S = km^{2/3}$$

$$= 9.75(3.4 \times 10^3)^{2/3}$$

$$= 9.75(3.4)^{2/3}(10^3)^{2/3}$$

$$\approx 9.75(2.26)(10^2)$$

$$\approx 2200$$

Write model.

Substitute 9.75 for k and 3.4×10^3 for m .

Power of a product property

Power of a power property

Simplify.

► The rabbit's surface area is about 2200 square centimeters.

GUIDED PRACTICE for Examples 1 and 2

Simplify the expression.

1. $(5^{1/3} \cdot 7^{1/4})^3$

2. $2^{3/4} \cdot 2^{1/2}$

3. $\frac{3}{3^{1/4}}$

4. $\left(\frac{20^{1/2}}{5^{1/2}}\right)^3$

5. **BIOLOGY** Use the information in Example 2 to approximate the surface area of a sheep that has a mass of 95 kilograms (9.5×10^4 grams).

PROPERTIES OF RADICALS The third and sixth properties on page 420 can be expressed using radical notation when $m = \frac{1}{n}$ for some integer n greater than 1.

KEY CONCEPT

For Your Notebook

Properties of Radicals

Product property of radicals

$$\sqrt[n]{a \cdot b} = \sqrt[n]{a} \cdot \sqrt[n]{b}$$

Quotient property of radicals

$$\sqrt[n]{\frac{a}{b}} = \frac{\sqrt[n]{a}}{\sqrt[n]{b}}, b \neq 0$$

EXAMPLE 3 Use properties of radicals

Use the properties of radicals to simplify the expression.

a. $\sqrt[3]{12} \cdot \sqrt[3]{18} = \sqrt[3]{12 \cdot 18} = \sqrt[3]{216} = 6$ Product property

b. $\frac{\sqrt[4]{80}}{\sqrt[4]{5}} = \sqrt[4]{\frac{80}{5}} = \sqrt[4]{16} = 2$ Quotient property

SIMPLEST FORM A radical with index n is in **simplest form** if the radicand has no perfect n th powers as factors and any denominator has been rationalized.

EXAMPLE 4 Write radicals in simplest form

Write the expression in simplest form.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a. } \sqrt[3]{135} &= \sqrt[3]{27 \cdot 5} && \text{Factor out perfect cube.} \\ &= \sqrt[3]{27} \cdot \sqrt[3]{5} && \text{Product property} \\ &= 3\sqrt[3]{5} && \text{Simplify.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b. } \frac{\sqrt[5]{7}}{\sqrt[5]{8}} &= \frac{\sqrt[5]{7}}{\sqrt[5]{8}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[5]{4}}{\sqrt[5]{4}} && \text{Make denominator a perfect fifth power.} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt[5]{28}}{\sqrt[5]{32}} && \text{Product property} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt[5]{28}}{2} && \text{Simplify.} \end{aligned}$$

REVIEW RADICALS

For help with rationalizing denominators of radical expressions, see p. 266.

LIKE RADICALS Radical expressions with the same index and radicand are **like radicals**. To add or subtract like radicals, use the distributive property.

EXAMPLE 5 Add and subtract like radicals and roots

Simplify the expression.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a. } \sqrt[4]{10} + 7\sqrt[4]{10} &= (1 + 7)\sqrt[4]{10} = 8\sqrt[4]{10} \\ \text{b. } 2(8^{1/5}) + 10(8^{1/5}) &= (2 + 10)(8^{1/5}) = 12(8^{1/5}) \\ \text{c. } \sqrt[3]{54} - \sqrt[3]{2} &= \sqrt[3]{27} \cdot \sqrt[3]{2} - \sqrt[3]{2} = 3\sqrt[3]{2} - \sqrt[3]{2} = (3 - 1)\sqrt[3]{2} = 2\sqrt[3]{2} \end{aligned}$$



GUIDED PRACTICE for Examples 3, 4, and 5

Simplify the expression.

6. $\sqrt[4]{27} \cdot \sqrt[4]{3}$

7. $\frac{\sqrt[3]{250}}{\sqrt[3]{2}}$

8. $\sqrt[5]{\frac{3}{4}}$

9. $\sqrt[3]{5} + \sqrt[3]{40}$

VARIABLE EXPRESSIONS The properties of rational exponents and radicals can also be applied to expressions involving variables. Because a variable can be positive, negative, or zero, sometimes absolute value is needed when simplifying a variable expression.

	Rule	Example
When n is odd	$\sqrt[n]{x^n} = x$	$\sqrt[7]{5^7} = 5$ and $\sqrt[7]{(-5)^7} = -5$
When n is even	$\sqrt[n]{x^n} = x $	$\sqrt[4]{3^4} = 3$ and $\sqrt[4]{(-3)^4} = 3$

Absolute value is not needed when all variables are assumed to be positive.

EXAMPLE 6 Simplify expressions involving variables

Simplify the expression. Assume all variables are positive.

a. $\sqrt[3]{64y^6} = \sqrt[3]{4^3(y^2)^3} = \sqrt[3]{4^3} \cdot \sqrt[3]{(y^2)^3} = 4y^2$

b. $(27p^3q^{12})^{1/3} = 27^{1/3}(p^3)^{1/3}(q^{12})^{1/3} = 3p^{(3 \cdot 1/3)}q^{(12 \cdot 1/3)} = 3pq^4$

c. $\sqrt{\frac{m^4}{n^8}} = \frac{\sqrt{m^4}}{\sqrt{n^8}} = \frac{\sqrt[4]{m^4}}{\sqrt[4]{(n^2)^4}} = \frac{m}{n^2}$

d. $\frac{14xy^{1/3}}{2x^{3/4}z^{-6}} = 7x^{(1 - 3/4)}y^{1/3}z^{-(-6)} = 7x^{1/4}y^{1/3}z^6$

EXAMPLE 7 Write variable expressions in simplest form

Write the expression in simplest form. Assume all variables are positive.

a. $\sqrt[5]{4a^8b^{14}c^5} = \sqrt[5]{4a^5a^3b^{10}b^4c^5}$ Factor out perfect fifth powers.

$= \sqrt[5]{a^5b^{10}c^5} \cdot \sqrt[5]{4a^3b^4}$ Product property

$= ab^2c\sqrt[5]{4a^3b^4}$ Simplify.

b. $\sqrt[3]{\frac{x}{y^8}} = \sqrt[3]{\frac{x \cdot y}{y^8 \cdot y}}$ Make denominator a perfect cube.

$= \sqrt[3]{\frac{xy}{y^9}}$ Simplify.

$= \frac{\sqrt[3]{xy}}{\sqrt[3]{y^9}}$ Quotient property

$= \frac{\sqrt[3]{xy}}{y^3}$ Simplify.

AVOID ERRORSYou must multiply both the numerator and denominator of the fraction by y so that the value of the fraction does not change.**EXAMPLE 8** Add and subtract expressions involving variables

Perform the indicated operation. Assume all variables are positive.

a. $\frac{1}{5}\sqrt{w} + \frac{3}{5}\sqrt{w} = \left(\frac{1}{5} + \frac{3}{5}\right)\sqrt{w} = \frac{4}{5}\sqrt{w}$

b. $3xy^{1/4} - 8xy^{1/4} = (3 - 8)xy^{1/4} = -5xy^{1/4}$

c. $12\sqrt[3]{2z^5} - z\sqrt[3]{54z^2} = 12z\sqrt[3]{2z^2} - 3z\sqrt[3]{2z^2} = (12z - 3z)\sqrt[3]{2z^2} = 9z\sqrt[3]{2z^2}$

**GUIDED PRACTICE** for Examples 6, 7, and 8

Simplify the expression. Assume all variables are positive.

10. $\sqrt[3]{27q^9}$

11. $\sqrt[5]{\frac{x^{10}}{y^5}}$

12. $\frac{6xy^{3/4}}{3x^{1/2}y^{1/2}}$

13. $\sqrt{9w^5} - w\sqrt{w^3}$

6.2 EXERCISES

HOMEWORK KEY

⊙ = WORKED-OUT SOLUTIONS on p. WS12 for Exs. 5, 27, and 85

★ = STANDARDIZED TEST PRACTICE Exs. 2, 23, 51, 69, 86, and 89

SKILL PRACTICE

EXAMPLE 1

on p. 420
for Exs. 3–14

- VOCABULARY** Are $2\sqrt{5}$ and $2\sqrt[3]{5}$ like radicals? Explain why or why not.
- ★ **WRITING** Under what conditions is a radical expression in simplest form?

PROPERTIES OF RATIONAL EXPONENTS Simplify the expression.

- $5^{3/2} \cdot 5^{1/2}$
- $(6^{2/3})^{1/2}$
- $3^{1/4} \cdot 27^{1/4}$
- $\frac{9}{9^{-4/5}}$
- $\frac{80^{1/4}}{5^{-1/4}}$
- $\left(\frac{7^3}{4^3}\right)^{-1/3}$
- $\frac{11^{2/5}}{11^{4/5}}$
- $(12^{3/5} \cdot 8^{3/5})^5$
- $\frac{120^{-2/5} \cdot 120^{2/5}}{7^{-3/4}}$
- $\frac{64^{5/9} \cdot 64^{2/9}}{4^{3/4}}$
- $(16^{5/9} \cdot 5^{7/9})^{-3}$
- $\frac{13^{3/7}}{13^{5/7}}$

EXAMPLE 3

on p. 421
for Exs. 15–22

PROPERTIES OF RADICALS Simplify the expression.

- $\sqrt{20} \cdot \sqrt{5}$
- $\sqrt[3]{16} \cdot \sqrt[3]{4}$
- $\sqrt[4]{8} \cdot \sqrt[4]{8}$
- $(\sqrt[3]{3} \cdot \sqrt[4]{3})^{12}$
- $\frac{\sqrt[5]{64}}{\sqrt[5]{2}}$
- $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{75}}$
- $\frac{\sqrt[4]{36} \cdot \sqrt[4]{9}}{\sqrt[4]{4}}$
- $\frac{\sqrt[4]{8} \cdot \sqrt[4]{16}}{\sqrt[8]{2} \cdot \sqrt[8]{3}}$

EXAMPLE 4

on p. 422
for Exs. 23–31

- ★ **MULTIPLE CHOICE** What is the simplest form of the expression $3\sqrt[3]{32} \cdot (-6\sqrt[4]{5})$?

- (A) $\sqrt[4]{10}$ (B) $-18\sqrt[4]{10}$ (C) $-36\sqrt[4]{10}$ (D) $36\sqrt[4]{10}$

SIMPLEST FORM Write the expression in simplest form.

- $\sqrt{72}$
- $\sqrt[6]{256}$
- $\sqrt[3]{108} \cdot \sqrt[3]{4}$
- $5\sqrt[4]{64} \cdot 2\sqrt[4]{8}$
- $\sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{6}}$
- $\frac{3}{\sqrt[4]{144}}$
- $\sqrt[6]{\frac{81}{4}}$
- $\frac{\sqrt[3]{9}}{\sqrt[3]{27}}$

EXAMPLE 5

on p. 422
for Exs. 32–41

COMBINING RADICALS AND ROOTS Simplify the expression.

- $2\sqrt[6]{3} + 7\sqrt[6]{3}$
- $\frac{3}{5}\sqrt[3]{5} - \frac{1}{5}\sqrt[3]{5}$
- $25\sqrt[5]{2} - 15\sqrt[5]{2}$
- $\frac{1}{8}\sqrt[4]{7} + \frac{3}{8}\sqrt[4]{7}$
- $6\sqrt[3]{5} + 4\sqrt[3]{625}$
- $-6\sqrt[7]{2} + 2\sqrt[7]{256}$
- $12\sqrt[4]{2} - 7\sqrt[4]{512}$
- $2\sqrt[4]{1250} - 8\sqrt[4]{32}$
- $5\sqrt[3]{48} - \sqrt[3]{750}$

ERROR ANALYSIS Describe and correct the error in simplifying the expression.

41.
$$2\sqrt[3]{10} + 6\sqrt[3]{5} = (2 + 6)\sqrt[3]{15}$$

$$= 8\sqrt[3]{15} \quad \times$$

42.
$$\sqrt[3]{\frac{x}{y^2}} = \sqrt[3]{\frac{x}{y^2 \cdot y}} = \sqrt[3]{\frac{x}{y^3}}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt[3]{x}}{y} \quad \times$$

EXAMPLE 6
on p. 423
for Exs. 43–51

VARIABLE EXPRESSIONS Simplify the expression. Assume all variables are positive.

43. $x^{1/4} \cdot x^{1/3}$

44. $(y^4)^{1/6}$

45. $\sqrt[4]{81x^4}$

46. $\frac{2}{x^{-3/2}}$

47. $\frac{x^{2/5}y}{xy^{-1/3}}$

48. $\sqrt[3]{\frac{x^{15}}{y^6}}$

49. $(\sqrt[3]{x^2} \cdot \sqrt[6]{x^4})^{-3}$

50. $\frac{\sqrt[3]{x} \cdot \sqrt{x^5}}{\sqrt{25x^{16}}}$

51. **★ OPEN-ENDED MATH** Write two variable expressions with noninteger exponents whose quotient is $x^{3/4}$.

EXAMPLE 7
on p. 423
for Exs. 52–59

SIMPLEST FORM Write the expression in simplest form. Assume all variables are positive.

52. $\sqrt{49x^5}$

53. $\sqrt[4]{12x^2y^6z^{12}}$

54. $\sqrt[3]{4x^3y^5} \cdot \sqrt[3]{12y^2}$

55. $\sqrt{x^2yz^3} \cdot \sqrt{x^3z^5}$

56. $\frac{-3}{\sqrt[5]{x^6}}$

57. $\sqrt[3]{\frac{x^3}{y^4}}$

58. $\sqrt{\frac{20x^3y^2}{9xz^3}}$

59. $\frac{\sqrt[4]{x^6}}{\sqrt[3]{x^5}}$

EXAMPLE 8
on p. 423
for Exs. 60–65

COMBINING VARIABLE EXPRESSIONS Perform the indicated operation. Assume all variables are positive.

60. $3\sqrt[5]{x} + 9\sqrt[5]{x}$

61. $\frac{3}{4}y^{3/2} - \frac{1}{4}y^{3/2}$

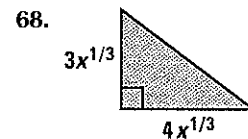
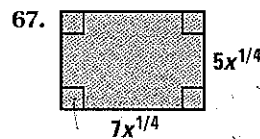
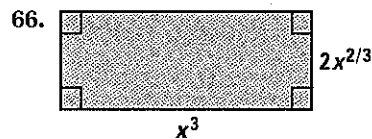
62. $-7\sqrt[3]{y} + 16\sqrt[3]{y}$

63. $(x^4y)^{1/2} + (xy^{1/4})^2$

64. $x\sqrt{9x^3} - 2\sqrt{x^5}$

65. $y\sqrt[4]{32x^6} + \sqrt[4]{162x^2y^4}$

GEOMETRY Find simplified expressions for the perimeter and area of the given figure.



69. **★ MULTIPLE CHOICE** What is the simplified form of $-\frac{1}{6}\sqrt{4x} - \frac{1}{6}\sqrt{9x}$?

(A) $-\frac{1}{3}\sqrt{x}$

(B) $-\frac{1}{3}\sqrt{36x}$

(C) $-\frac{5}{6}\sqrt{x}$

(D) $-\frac{5}{6}\sqrt{36x}$

DECIMAL EXPONENTS Simplify the expression. Assume all variables are positive.

70. $x^{0.5} \cdot x^2$

71. $y^{-0.6} \cdot y^{-6}$

72. $(x^6y^2)^{-0.75}$

73. $\frac{x^{0.3}}{x^{1.5}}$

74. $(x^5y^{-3})^{-0.25}$

75. $\frac{y^{-0.5}}{y^{0.8}}$

76. $10x^{0.6} + (4x^{0.3})^2$

77. $15z^{0.3} - (2z^{0.1})^3$

IRRATIONAL EXPONENTS The properties in this lesson can also be applied to irrational exponents. Simplify the expression. Assume all variables are positive.

78. $\frac{x^{5\sqrt{3}}}{x^{2\sqrt{3}}}$

79. $(x^{\sqrt{2}})^{\sqrt{3}}$

80. $\left(\frac{x^\pi}{x^{\pi/3}}\right)^2$

81. $x^2y^{\sqrt{2}} + 3x^2y^{\sqrt{2}}$

82. **CHALLENGE** Solve the equation using the properties of rational exponents.

a. $\frac{3}{9^x} = 243$

b. $2^x \cdot 2^{x+1} = \frac{1}{16}$

c. $(4^x)^{x+2} = 64$

PROBLEM SOLVING

EXAMPLE 2
on p. 421
for Exs. 83–84

83. BIOLOGY Look back at Example 2 on page 421. Use the model $S = km^{2/3}$ to approximate the surface area of the mammal given its mass.

- a. Bat: 32 grams
- b. Human: 59 kilograms

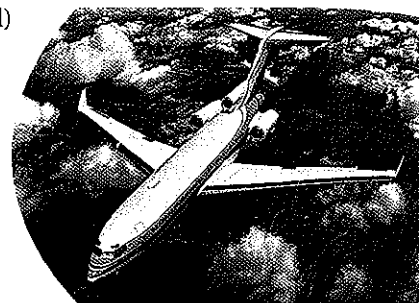
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84. AIRPLANE VELOCITY The velocity v (in feet per second) of a jet can be approximated by the model

$$v = 8.8\sqrt{\frac{L}{A}}$$

where A is the area of the wings (in square feet) and L is the lift (in Newtons). Find the velocity of a jet with a wing area of 5.5×10^3 square feet and a lift of 1.4×10^7 Newtons.

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85. PINHOLE CAMERA The optimum diameter d (in millimeters) of the pinhole in a pinhole camera can be modeled by

$$d = 1.9[(5.5 \times 10^{-4})\ell]^{1/2}$$

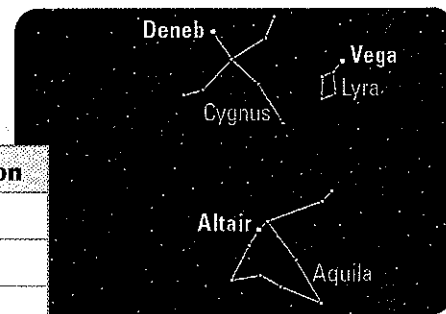
where ℓ is the length of the camera box (in millimeters). Find the optimum pinhole diameter for a camera box with a length of 10 centimeters.

86. ★ SHORT RESPONSE Show that the hypotenuse of an isosceles right triangle with legs of length x is $x\sqrt{2}$.

87. STAR MAGNITUDE The *apparent magnitude* of a star is a number that indicates how faint the star is in relation to other stars. The expression $\frac{2.512^{m_1}}{2.512^{m_2}}$ tells how many times fainter a star with magnitude m_1 is than a star with magnitude m_2 .

- a. How many times fainter is Altair than Vega?
- b. How many times fainter is Deneb than Altair?
- c. How many times fainter is Deneb than Vega?

Star	Apparent magnitude	Constellation
Vega	0.03	Lyra
Altair	0.77	Aquila
Deneb	1.25	Cygnus



88. PHYSICAL SCIENCE The maximum horizontal distance d that an object can travel when launched at an optimum angle of projection is given by

$$d = \frac{v_0 \sqrt{(v_0)^2 + 2gh_0}}{g}$$

where h_0 is the object's initial height, v_0 is its initial speed, and g is the acceleration due to gravity. Simplify the model when $h_0 = 0$.

89. ★ **EXTENDED RESPONSE** You have filled two round balloons with water. One balloon contains twice as much water as the other balloon.
- Solve the formula for the volume of a sphere, $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$, for r .
 - Substitute the expression for r from part (a) into the formula for the surface area of a sphere, $S = 4\pi r^2$. Simplify to show that $S = (4\pi)^{1/3}(3V)^{2/3}$.
 - Compare the surface areas of the two water balloons using the formula from part (b).
90. **CHALLENGE** Substitute different combinations of odd and even positive integers for m and n in the expression $\sqrt[n]{x^m}$. If x is not always positive, when is absolute value needed in simplifying the expression?

MIXED REVIEW

Solve the inequality.

91. $x - 7 \geq 15$ (p. 41) 92. $10x + 7 < -4x + 9$ (p. 41) 93. $3x \leq -6x - 20$ (p. 41)
94. $x^2 + 7x + 10 > 0$ (p. 300) 95. $-x^2 + 4x \geq -32$ (p. 300) 96. $6x^2 + x - 7 < 5$ (p. 300)

Let $f(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 - x - 3$. Evaluate the function at the given value. (p. 337)

97. $f(3)$ 98. $f(-3)$ 99. $f(5)$ 100. $f(-4)$

Perform the indicated operation.

101. $(12x^2 + 2x) - (-8x^3 + 5x^2 - 9x)$ (p. 346) 102. $(35x^3 - 14) + (-15x^2 + 7x + 20)$ (p. 346)
103. $18x^2(x + 4)$ (p. 346) 104. $(8x - 3)^2$ (p. 346)
105. $(x - 4)(x + 1)(x + 2)$ (p. 346) 106. $(x^3 + x^2 - 7x - 15) \div (x - 3)$ (p. 362)

PREVIEW

Prepare for
Lesson 6.3 in
Exs. 101–106.

QUIZ for Lessons 6.1–6.2

Evaluate the expression without using a calculator. (p. 414)

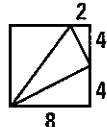
1. $36^{3/2}$ 2. $64^{-2/3}$ 3. $-(625^{3/4})$ 4. $(-32)^{2/5}$

Solve the equation. Round your answer to two decimal places when appropriate. (p. 414)

5. $x^4 = 20$ 6. $x^5 = -10$ 7. $x^6 + 5 = 26$ 8. $(x + 3)^3 = -16$

Simplify the expression. Assume all variables are positive. (p. 420)

9. $\sqrt[4]{32} \cdot \sqrt[4]{8}$ 10. $(\sqrt{10} \cdot \sqrt[3]{10})^8$ 11. $(x^6y^4)^{1/8} + 2(x^{1/3}y^{1/4})^2$
12. $\frac{3\sqrt{7^3} + 4\sqrt{7^3}}{\sqrt{7^5}}$ 13. $\frac{2\sqrt{x} \cdot \sqrt{x^3}}{\sqrt{64x^{15}}}$ 14. $y^2\sqrt[5]{64x^6} - 6\sqrt[5]{2x^6y^{10}}$

15.  **GEOMETRY** Find a radical expression for the perimeter of the red triangle inscribed in the square shown to the right. Simplify the expression. (p. 420)