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Multiplying and Dividing Radicals:Reminder: coefficient $\sqrt{\text{radicand}}$

- [1] Multiply or Divide Coefficients – Keep them as coefficients.
- [2] Multiply or Divide Radicands – Keep them as radicands
- [3] SIMPLIFY!!!

Examples:

1. $(\sqrt{7})(\sqrt{7})$

2. $(2\sqrt{18})(3\sqrt{8})$

3. $(\frac{2}{3}\sqrt{24})(9\sqrt{3})$

4. $(\sqrt{t})^2$

5. $(3\sqrt{6})^2$

6. $(5 + \sqrt{3})(4 + \sqrt{3})$

7. $\frac{\sqrt{72}}{\sqrt{8}}$

8. $\frac{8\sqrt{48}}{2\sqrt{3}}$

9. $\frac{\sqrt{20}}{\sqrt{2}}$

10. $\frac{\sqrt{90}}{\sqrt{5}}$

11. $\frac{\sqrt{98} + \sqrt{18}}{\sqrt{2}}$

12. $\frac{10\sqrt{8}}{5\sqrt{2}}$

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Rationalizing the Denominator: When you have a radical ($\sqrt{\quad}$) left on the **bottom** of a fraction, you must rationalize the denominator (eliminate the radical on the bottom). The simplest way to do this is to multiply **BOTH** the numerator and denominator by the radical in the denominator, forcing a perfect square. When simplified, this eliminates the radical. Consider the following examples that illustrate rationalizing the denominator.

Example 1:

$$\frac{12}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$\frac{12}{\sqrt{5}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{12\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{25}} = \frac{12\sqrt{5}}{5}$$

Example 2:

$$\frac{\sqrt{10}}{\sqrt{11}}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{10}}{\sqrt{11}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{11}}{\sqrt{11}} = \frac{\sqrt{110}}{\sqrt{121}} = \frac{\sqrt{110}}{11}$$

Example 3:

$$\frac{2}{2a\sqrt{5}}$$

$$\frac{2}{2a\sqrt{5}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{2\sqrt{5}}{2a\sqrt{25}} = \frac{2\sqrt{5}}{2a \cdot 5} = \frac{2\sqrt{5}}{10a} = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{5a}$$

You Try:

1. $\frac{8}{\sqrt{3a}}$

2. $\frac{3}{2\sqrt{3}}$