

Section
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When completed, compare your results with other groups in class. Make a conjecture for each statement, based on this data.

Equation Conjecture	First set of values: $a = 5 \quad b = 4$	Second set of values: $a = 12 \quad b = 16$	Equation Conjecture
1) $\sqrt{a \cdot b} = \sqrt{a} \cdot \sqrt{b}$	$\sqrt{5 \cdot 4} = \sqrt{5} \cdot \sqrt{4}$ True False (circle one)	$\sqrt{12 \cdot 16} = \sqrt{12} \cdot \sqrt{16}$ True False (circle one)	$\sqrt{a \cdot b} = \sqrt{a} \cdot \sqrt{b}$ True False
2) $\sqrt{a+b} = \sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b}$	$\sqrt{5+4} = \sqrt{5} + \sqrt{4}$ True False (circle one)	$\sqrt{12+16} = \sqrt{12} + \sqrt{16}$ True False (circle one)	$\sqrt{a+b} = \sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b}$ True False

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Equation Conjecture	First set of values: $a = 5 \quad b = 4$	Second set of values: $a = 3 \quad b = 9$	Equation Conjecture
3) $\sqrt{a-b} = \sqrt{a} - \sqrt{b}$	True False (circle one)	True False (circle one)	$\sqrt{a-b} = \sqrt{a} - \sqrt{b}$ True False
4) $\sqrt{\frac{a}{b}} = \frac{\sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{b}}$	$\sqrt{\frac{5}{4}} = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{4}}$ True False (circle one)	$\sqrt{\frac{3}{9}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{9}}$ True False (circle one)	$\sqrt{\frac{a}{b}} = \frac{\sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{b}}$ True False

#1 – 6: Simplify the following. Show your work.

1) $\sqrt{20} = \sqrt{4 \cdot 5}$
 $= \sqrt{4} \cdot \sqrt{5}$
 $= \boxed{2\sqrt{5}}$

2) $\sqrt{50}$
 $= \sqrt{25 \cdot 2}$
 $= \sqrt{25} \cdot \sqrt{2}$
 $= 5\sqrt{2}$

3) $\sqrt{18} = \sqrt{9 \cdot 2}$
 $3\sqrt{2}$

1
4
9
16
25
36
49
64
81
100

4) $\sqrt{75} = \sqrt{25 \cdot 3}$
 $5\sqrt{3}$

5) $\frac{\sqrt{16 \cdot 3}}{\sqrt{48}}$
 $4\sqrt{3}$

6) $\frac{\sqrt{100 \cdot 7}}{\sqrt{700}}$
 $10\sqrt{7}$

Products and quotients involving radicals: Things inside and outside of radicals cannot simply be multiplied or divided.

<p><i>Example 5:</i> Simplify $3\sqrt{12}$</p> <p><i>Answer:</i> $3\sqrt{12} = 3\sqrt{4 \cdot 3} = 3 \cdot 2\sqrt{3} = 6\sqrt{3}$</p>	<p><i>Example 6:</i> Simplify $\frac{\sqrt{32}}{2}$</p> <p><i>Answer:</i> $\frac{\sqrt{32}}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{16 \cdot 2}}{2} = \frac{4\sqrt{2}}{2} = 2\sqrt{2}$</p>
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#16 – 18: Simplify (some of these may already be simplified)

16) $4\sqrt{20} = 4 \cdot \sqrt{20}$
 $4 \cdot 2\sqrt{5}$
 $\boxed{8\sqrt{5}}$

17) $\frac{\sqrt{72}}{9}$

18) $\frac{4 + \sqrt{28}}{2}$

Simplify the expression:

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1. $4\sqrt{20}$ 2. $\frac{\sqrt{45}}{6}$ 3. $\frac{6+2\sqrt{8}}{2}$

$8\sqrt{5}$ $\frac{\sqrt{9 \cdot 5}}{6}$ $\frac{6+2 \cdot 2\sqrt{2}}{2}$

$= \frac{\sqrt{9} \cdot \sqrt{5}}{6}$ $\frac{6+4\sqrt{2}}{2}$

$= \frac{3 \cdot \sqrt{5}}{6}$ $\frac{6}{2} + \frac{4\sqrt{2}}{2}$

$= \frac{1\sqrt{5}}{2}$ $3+2\sqrt{2}$

Note: $\sqrt{8} = \sqrt{4 \cdot 2}$
 $= \sqrt{4} \cdot \sqrt{2}$
 $= 2 \cdot \sqrt{2}$

1
9
16
25
36
49
64
81
100

Simplify the expression:

4. $\frac{5+8\sqrt{20}}{10}$

5. $\frac{14+\sqrt{36}}{2}$

6. $\frac{14+7\sqrt{100}}{2}$

$\frac{14+6}{2}$

$= \frac{20}{2}$

$= 10$