

DO NOWSolve: $a^2 - 49 = 0$

$$(a - 7)(a + 7) = 0$$
$$a - 7 = 0 \quad | \quad a + 7 = 0$$
$$a = 7 \quad | \quad a = -7$$

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

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Homework Answers:

1. -4

3. 0, -25

5. 3, -3

7. 3, -14

9. 9, -9

11. -6, -5

13. -7, 1

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Simplifying Radicals

The square root of every perfect square is a rational number.

$$\sqrt{9} = 3 \quad \sqrt{0} = 0 \quad \sqrt{1.96} = 1.4 \quad \sqrt{\frac{4}{49}} = \frac{2}{7}$$

$\sqrt{48}$ is called a **radical**

48 is called the **radicand**

Product Property of Radicals

$$\sqrt{ab} = \sqrt{a} \cdot \sqrt{b}$$

Split a radicand into the product of its factors

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Steps to Simplify a Radical

Find two factors of the radicand so that one of the factors is a perfect square

$$\sqrt{27}$$

$$\sqrt{9 \cdot 3}$$

Write the radical as the product of the square roots of the factors

$$\sqrt{9} \cdot \sqrt{3}$$

Find the square root of the perfect square factor - answer is written as: $a\sqrt{b}$

$$3\sqrt{3}$$

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Ex: 1 Simplify:

$$\sqrt{48}$$

$$\sqrt{16} \sqrt{3}$$

$$\boxed{4\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\sqrt{48}$$

$$\sqrt{4} \sqrt{12}$$

$$2\sqrt{12}$$

$$2\sqrt{4} \sqrt{3}$$

$$2 \cdot 2 \sqrt{3}$$

$$\boxed{4\sqrt{3}}$$

Ex: 2 Simplify:

$$2\sqrt{12}$$

$$2\sqrt{4} \sqrt{3}$$

$$2 \cdot 2 \sqrt{3}$$

$$4\sqrt{3}$$

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Let's try some examples:

1. $\sqrt{50}$

$$\sqrt{25} \sqrt{2}$$

$$\boxed{5\sqrt{2}}$$

2. $\sqrt{72}$

$$\sqrt{9} \sqrt{8}$$

$$3\sqrt{8}$$

$$3\sqrt{4} \sqrt{2}$$

$$3 \cdot 2 \sqrt{2}$$

$$6\sqrt{2}$$

$$\sqrt{36} \sqrt{2}$$

$$6\sqrt{2}$$

3. $4\sqrt{63}$

$$4\sqrt{9} \sqrt{7}$$

$$4 \cdot 3 \sqrt{7}$$

$$12\sqrt{7}$$

4. $\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{12}$

$$\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{4} \sqrt{3}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 \sqrt{3}$$

$$\sqrt{3}$$

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Simplifying Radical Expressions

You can only combine LIKE RADICALS
(must have the same radicand)

$$1. \sqrt{8} - 10 + 2\sqrt{18} - 4$$

$$\sqrt{4}\sqrt{2} - 10 + 2\sqrt{9}\sqrt{2} - 4$$

$$2\sqrt{2} - 10 + 2 \cdot 3\sqrt{2} - 4$$

$$2\sqrt{2} - 10 + 6\sqrt{2} - 4$$

$$8\sqrt{2} - 14$$

$$2. 4 + \sqrt{48} + 5 - \sqrt{3}$$

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Simplify each expression

$$1. \frac{8 + \sqrt{52}}{2}$$

$$2. \frac{-6 - \sqrt{12}}{6}$$

$$\frac{8 + \sqrt{4}\sqrt{13}}{2}$$

$$\frac{8 + 2\sqrt{13}}{2}$$

$$4 + \sqrt{13}$$

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