# Simplifying Radicals

Name

Some things to remember about Square Roots;

- r is a square root of a number 's' if  $r^2 = s$
- a positive number has 2 square roots:

ex/ 
$$4^2 = 16$$
 (-4)<sup>2</sup> = 16 SO... the 2 square roots of 16 are  $\sqrt{16} = 4$  and -4

**VOCABULARY:** 

radical = 
$$\sqrt{a}$$

radical sign = 
$$\sqrt{}$$

radicand = the number under the radical sign

# **Properties of Square Roots**

Product Property ~

Quotient Property ^

se the properties to simplify square roots!

{keep asking... "does the number under the radical sign have ANY perfect square factors?"}

A square root is simplified if....

1. No radicand has a *perfect-square* factor other than 1

perfect-squares are numbers with whole number square roots...list them

2. There is no radical in the denominator

Simplify the radical. Leave your answers in SIMPLEST RADICAL form (no decimals!!!)

1) 
$$\sqrt{54}$$
  $\sqrt{9}\sqrt{6}$   $\sqrt{3}\sqrt{6}$ 

2) 
$$\sqrt{72}$$
 $\sqrt{9}\sqrt{8}$ 
 $3\sqrt{4}\sqrt{3}$ 
 $3\sqrt{2}$ 

3) 
$$\sqrt{48}$$

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

$$(4\sqrt{3})$$

5) 
$$\frac{\sqrt{18}}{6\sqrt{8}} \sqrt{\frac{8}{8}} = \frac{\sqrt{144}}{6 \cdot 8} = \frac{12}{48} \left( \frac{1}{4} \right)$$
 6)  $\frac{6\sqrt{12}}{\sqrt{4}} = \frac{6\sqrt{13}}{2}$ 

$$\frac{6\sqrt{12}}{\sqrt{4}} = \frac{6\sqrt{13}}{2} = 6$$

### Rationalizing the Denominator

Form of the Denominator	Multiply numerator and denominator by:
√b	√b

7) 
$$\frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{3}} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}} = \sqrt{\frac{5}{3}}$$

8) 
$$\sqrt{\frac{5}{2}}$$
  $\sqrt{3}$   $\sqrt{9}$ 

9) 
$$\frac{8}{3\sqrt{12}}$$
  $\frac{8}{3\sqrt{4}\sqrt{3}} = \frac{8}{6\sqrt{3}}$   $\frac{4}{3\sqrt{3}}$   $\frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}}$   $\frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}}$   $\frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}}$   $\frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}}$   $\frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}}$   $\frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}}$   $\frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}}$   $\frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}}$ 

10) 
$$\frac{\sqrt{11}}{\sqrt{7}} \sqrt{7} = \sqrt{\frac{17}{7}}$$

11) 
$$\sqrt{\frac{7}{8}}\sqrt{\frac{8}{8}} = \sqrt{\frac{57}{4}}$$
  
=  $\sqrt{\frac{7}{8}}\sqrt{\frac{8}{8}} = \sqrt{\frac{17}{4}}$ 

12) 
$$\frac{6}{5\sqrt{20}}\sqrt{20} = \frac{6\sqrt{20}}{100} = \frac{3\sqrt{15}}{50} = \frac{6\sqrt{5}}{50} = \frac{3\sqrt{5}}{25}$$

#### PRACTICE:

1) 
$$\sqrt{54}$$
  $\sqrt{9}\sqrt{6}$   $\sqrt{3}\sqrt{6}$ 

3) 
$$7\sqrt{5}\sqrt{2}$$
  $(7\sqrt{10})$ 

4) 
$$\frac{8\sqrt{3}\sqrt{20}}{\sqrt{64}} = \frac{8\sqrt{3}\sqrt{4}\sqrt{5}}{8} = 2\sqrt{15}$$

5) 
$$\sqrt{180}$$
  
 $\sqrt{9}\sqrt{20}$   
 $3\sqrt{9}\sqrt{5}$   
 $3\sqrt{2}\sqrt{5}$   
 $(6\sqrt{5})$ 

6) 
$$\sqrt{640}$$
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## Trigonometry Prerequisite: Special Right Triangles

## Special Right Triangles: 30° - 60° - 90°

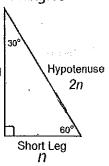
Hypotenuse = 2 \* Short Leg

Long Leg = Short Leg \*  $\sqrt{3}$ 

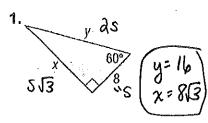
O Label sides "s", "sts", "25"

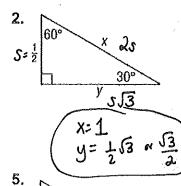
Dwrite eqn. w/ given value. Long Leg

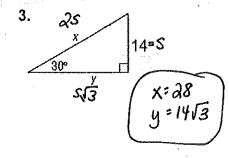
(4) Substitute in a "s"

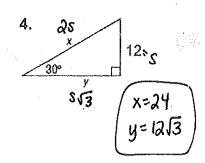


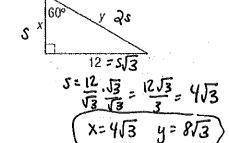
### Find the value of x and y in each triangle.

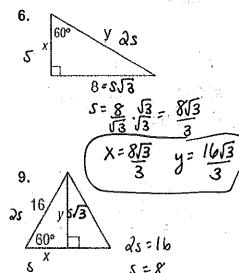


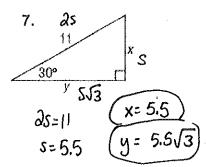


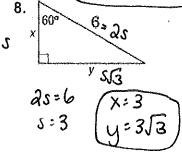






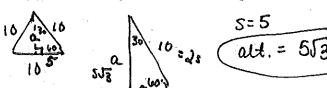




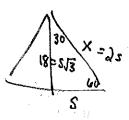


Sketch the figure that is described. Then, find the requested measure.

10. An equilateral triangle has a side length of 10 inches. Find the length of the triangles altitude.



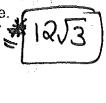
11. The altitude of an equilateral triangle is 18 inches. Find the length of a side.



$$18 = 5\sqrt{3}$$

$$5 = \frac{18}{\sqrt{3}}\sqrt{3} = \frac{18\sqrt{3}}{3} = \frac{6\sqrt{3}}{3}$$

$$25 = 12\sqrt{3}$$



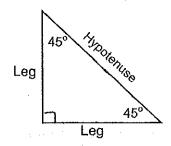
y = 8/3

## Trigonometry Prerequisite: Special Right Triangles

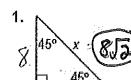
## Special Right Triangles: 45° - 45° - 90°

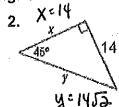
Hypotenuse = Leg \*  $\sqrt{2}$ 

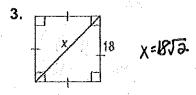
- 1 Label sides, "S", "S", "S V 3
- (2) write egn. w/ given value
- $Leg = \frac{hypotenuse}{-}$
- (3) Solve for "S" (9) Substitute in for "s"

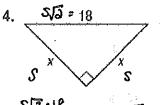


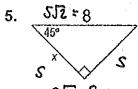
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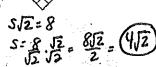


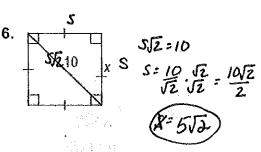






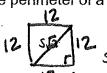






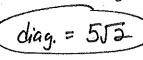
## Sketch the figure that is described. Find the requested measure.

7. The perimeter of a square is 48 meters. Find the length of a diagonal.



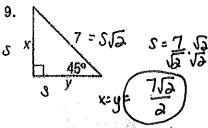
8. The perimeter of a square is 20 cm. Find the length of a diagonal.

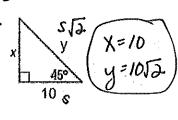




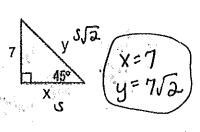
## Find the value of x and y in each figure.

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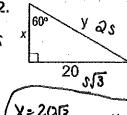




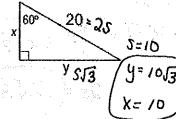
11.



12.



13.



14. y=20J3

# Geometry 8.2 Special Right Triangles

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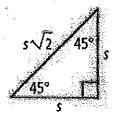
bjective: To use the properties of 45°-45°-90° and 30°-60°-90° triangles

Some right triangles have properties that allow us to use shortcuts to find side lengths instead of using the Pythagorean Theorem!

# 45°-45°-90° Triangle Theorem

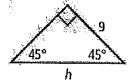
In a  $45^{\circ}$ - $45^{\circ}$ - $90^{\circ}$  triangle, both legs are congruent and the length of the hypotenuse is  $\sqrt{2}$  times the length of a leg.

hypotenuse = 
$$\sqrt{2} \cdot \log$$

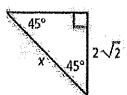


1. What is the value of each variable?

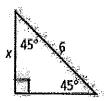
a.



b.



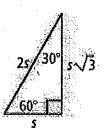
c.



# 30°-60°-90° Triangle Theorem

In a 30°-60°-90° triangle, the length of the hypotenuse is twice the length of the shorter leg. The length of the longer leg is  $\sqrt{3}$  times the length of the shorter leg.

hypotenuse = 
$$2 \cdot \text{shorter leg}$$
  
longer leg =  $\sqrt{3} \cdot \text{shorter leg}$ 

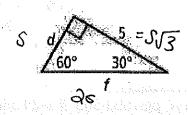


2. What is the value of d in simplest radical form? What is the value of f in simplest radical form?

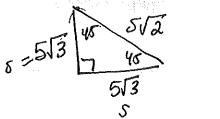
$$5 = 5\sqrt{3}$$

$$5 = 5\sqrt{3} = 5\sqrt{3} = d$$

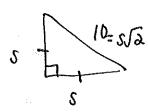
$$f = 10\sqrt{3}$$



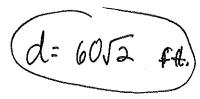
3. What is the length of the hypotenuse of a 45°-45°-90° triangle with leg lengths  $5\sqrt{3}$ ?

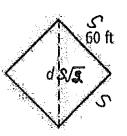


4. The length of the hypotenuse of a 45°-45°-90° triangle is 10. What is the length of one leg?

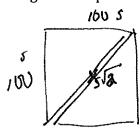


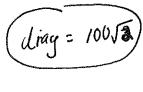
5. A high school softball diamond is a square. The distance from base to base is 60ft. To the nearest foot, how far does a catcher throw the ball from home plate to second base?





6. You plan to build a path along one diagonal of a 100ft by 100ft square garden. To the nearest foot, how long will the path be?





7. What is the height of an equilateral triangle with sides that are 12cm long? Round to the nearest tenth.

