

Warm Up

Simplify each of the following expressions.

$$1. \sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{3} = \sqrt{9} \\ = \boxed{3}$$

$$2. 2\sqrt{5} \cdot \sqrt{5} = 2\sqrt{25} \\ = 2 \cdot 5 = \boxed{10}$$

$$3. 3\sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{8} = 3\sqrt{16} \\ = 3 \cdot 4 = \boxed{12}$$

$$4. \frac{35 \div 5}{80 \div 5} = \frac{\boxed{7}}{\boxed{16}}$$

Rationalizing

Denominators

Clear Learning Target

You will be able to use the quotient property of square roots to simplify radical expressions.

Words Worth Knowing!

Quotient Property of Square Roots -

If a and b are #'s

$$\sqrt{\frac{a}{b}} = \frac{\sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{b}}$$

Rationalizing the Denominator - a method used to eliminate radicals from the denominator of a fraction

Example #1

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

$$\frac{\sqrt{7}}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{\sqrt{21}}{3}$$

RATIONALIZING!

Example #2:

$$\sqrt{\frac{15}{33}} = \sqrt{\frac{5}{11}}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{11}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{11}}{\sqrt{11}} = \frac{\sqrt{55}}{11}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 55 \\ \times \\ 5 \ 11 \end{array}$$

EXAMPLE #3: $\sqrt{\frac{45 \div 5}{10 \div 5}} = \sqrt{\frac{9}{2}}$

$$\frac{\sqrt{9}}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

EXAMPLE #4: $\sqrt{\frac{x^5}{y}} = \frac{\sqrt{x^5}}{\sqrt{y}}$

$$\frac{\sqrt{x^5}}{\sqrt{y}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{y}}{\sqrt{y}} = \frac{\sqrt{x^5 y}}{y} = \frac{x^2 \sqrt{xy}}{y}$$

* $\frac{x \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x}{y}$

$x^2 \sqrt{xy}$

Example #5: $\sqrt{\frac{56}{45}} = \frac{\sqrt{56}}{\sqrt{45}}$

$$\frac{\sqrt{56}}{\sqrt{45}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{45}}{\sqrt{45}} = \frac{\sqrt{2520}^*}{45} = \frac{2 \cdot 3 \sqrt{27.5}}{45}$$

*2520

$$\begin{array}{c} 56 \quad 45 \\ \wedge \quad \wedge \\ 2 \quad 28 \quad 9 \quad 5 \\ \wedge \quad \wedge \quad \wedge \\ 2 \quad 14 \quad 3 \quad 3 \\ \wedge \\ 2 \quad 7 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{6 \sqrt{70}}{45 \div 3}$$

$$= \frac{2 \sqrt{70}}{15}$$