



**RADICAL POWER RELATIONSHIPS!**

$\sqrt{25} = 5$  ...but we want to write this radical using only powers  
We can write "25" using powers as  $5^2$

Now (what power?) would give us the same result as  $\sqrt{25}$ ?

$(5^2)^{1/2} = \sqrt{25} = 5$  \*  $\sqrt{x} = x^{1/2}$

\*LET'S TRY THIS AGAIN WITH  $\sqrt{49}$   
 $(7^2)^{1/2} = 7$   
 $\sqrt{49} = 49^{1/2}$

\*LET'S TRY AGAIN WITH  $\sqrt[3]{8}$   
 $(2^3)^{1/3} = 2$  \*  $\sqrt[3]{x} = x^{1/3}$

<p>GENERAL RULE: <math>\sqrt[n]{x^m} = x^{m/n}</math></p> <p><math>x^{m/n}</math></p>	<p>EXAMPLE A:</p> <p><math>\sqrt[3]{36x^3y^{12}}</math></p> <p><math>= 6x^{3/3}y^{12/3}</math></p> <p><math>= 6xy^4</math></p>	<p>EXAMPLE B:</p> <p><math>\sqrt[5]{16^4}</math></p> <p><math>= (16^{4/5}) = (4^2)^{4/5} = 2^{8/5} = 2^1 \cdot 2^{3/5} = 2\sqrt[5]{8}</math></p>
	<p>EXAMPLE C:</p> <p><math>\sqrt[3]{8y^3}</math></p> <p><math>= 2y</math></p>	<p>EXAMPLE D: inside-out</p> <p><math>\sqrt[3]{(m+n)^2}</math></p> <p><math>= ((m+n)^{2/3})^{1/2} = (m+n)^{1/3}</math></p>

PRACTICE! REWRITE EACH IN EXPONENTIAL FORM (NO RADICALS, BUT FRACTIONAL EXPONENTS ARE OKAY)

- $\sqrt[3]{64b^3c^{30}}$  →  $4b^1c^{10}$
- $\sqrt[4]{2x^4}$  →  $2x^1$
- $\sqrt[3]{3^4}$  →  $3^{4/3} = 3^1 \cdot 3^{1/3} = 3\sqrt[3]{3}$
- $\sqrt[4]{(x-y)^4}$  →  $(x-y)^1$
- $\sqrt[3]{32}$  →  $2^3 = 8$
- $\sqrt[5]{(pq)^5}$  →  $(pq)^1$
- $(x-y)^{2/5}$