

1.4B: Working with Radicals - Day 2

Ex. 1 Multiply each of the following:

a) $4\sqrt{5}(2\sqrt{8} - 3\sqrt{5})$

How? Distributive Property.
May need to simplify after multiplying.

b) $(2\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{5})(4\sqrt{3} + 2\sqrt{5})$

c) $(2\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{3})^2$

Ex. 2 Simplify each of the following:

a) $\frac{12 + 3\sqrt{12}}{4}$



What is the GCF between 4, 6, 12?

b) $\frac{15 \pm \sqrt{27}}{3}$

← ● Look familiar?

Ex. 3 Simplify - Rationalizing Denominators

a) $\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}$

b) $\frac{3\sqrt{5}}{4\sqrt{2}}$

c) $\frac{5\sqrt{10}}{15\sqrt{20}}$

d) $\frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{2}}$

e) $\frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{32}}$

What if the denominator is a binomial?

e) $\frac{5}{2\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{3}}$

You must multiply by the **conjugate**.

The conjugate of $a + b$ is $a - b$.
Change the sign between the two terms.

Why conjugates?
See a familiar pattern?

f) $\frac{\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{10}}$