

# Simplifying Radicals

$$\sqrt{40x^4y^5z^3} = \sqrt{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 5 \cdot \overset{\textcircled{}}{x} \cdot \overset{\textcircled{}}{x} \cdot \overset{\textcircled{}}{x} \cdot \overset{\textcircled{}}{x} \cdot \overset{\textcircled{}}{y} \cdot \overset{\textcircled{}}{y} \cdot \overset{\textcircled{}}{y} \cdot \overset{\textcircled{}}{y} \cdot \overset{\textcircled{}}{y} \cdot \overset{\textcircled{}}{z} \cdot \overset{\textcircled{}}{z} \cdot \overset{\textcircled{}}{z}}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} 4 \quad 10 \\ \wedge \quad \wedge \\ 2 \quad 2 \quad 2 \quad 5 \end{array} \quad 2xxyyz \sqrt{2 \cdot 5 \cdot y \cdot z}$$

$$2x^2y^2z \sqrt{10yz}$$

**IMPORTANT** - when simplifying variables with even exponents inside a radical and the result is an odd exponent, you must use the absolute value to make sure the simplified exponent is not negative

$$\sqrt{72x^3y^4z^5} = \sqrt{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot \overset{\textcircled{}}{x} \cdot \overset{\textcircled{}}{x} \cdot \overset{\textcircled{}}{x} \cdot \overset{\textcircled{}}{y} \cdot \overset{\textcircled{}}{y} \cdot \overset{\textcircled{}}{y} \cdot \overset{\textcircled{}}{y} \cdot \overset{\textcircled{}}{z} \cdot \overset{\textcircled{}}{z} \cdot \overset{\textcircled{}}{z} \cdot \overset{\textcircled{}}{z} \cdot \overset{\textcircled{}}{z}}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} 9 \quad 8 \\ \wedge \quad \wedge \\ \textcircled{3} \textcircled{3} \textcircled{2} \quad 4 \\ \quad \wedge \\ \quad \textcircled{2} \textcircled{2} \end{array} \quad = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot x \cdot y \cdot y \cdot z \cdot z \sqrt{2xz}$$

$$= 6xy^2z^2 \sqrt{2xz}$$

## Practice

$$\sqrt{32r^2s^4t^5}$$

$$\sqrt{56xy^{10}z^5}$$

$$\sqrt{147x^6y^7}$$