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Symbols If $x^2 = y$, then x is a square root of y.

Example $5^2 = 25$ so 5 is a square root of 25.

Cube Roots

Key

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Examples



Find each square root.

1.
$$\sqrt{64}$$

$$\sqrt{64} = 8$$
 Find the positive square root of 64; $8^2 = 64$.

2.
$$\pm\sqrt{1.21}$$

$$\pm \sqrt{1.21} = \pm 1.1$$
 Find both square roots of 1.21; $1.1^2 = 1.21$.

3.
$$-\sqrt{\frac{25}{36}}$$

$$-\sqrt{\frac{25}{36}} = -\frac{5}{6}$$
 square root of $\frac{25}{36}$; $(\frac{5}{6})^2 = \frac{25}{36}$

4. $\sqrt{-16}$

There is no real square root because no number times itself is equal to -16.

J-16 = -4 · 4

Got It? Do these problems to find out.



b.
$$\pm \sqrt{0.81}$$

c.
$$-\sqrt{49}$$

d.
$$\sqrt{-100}$$

no solution

± 0.9 -7 ho so/u+

Example



5. Solve $t^2 = 169$. Check your solution(s).

$$t^2 = 169$$

Write the equation.

$$t = \pm \sqrt{169}$$

Definition of square root

$$t = 13 \text{ and } -13$$

t = 13 and -13 Check $13 \cdot 13 = 169 \text{ and } (-13)(-13) = 169 \checkmark$

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e.
$$289 = a^2$$

f.
$$m^2 = 0.09$$

g.
$$y^2 = \frac{4}{25}$$

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 f. $m^2 = 0.09$ g. $y^2 = \frac{4}{25}$ $y = \pm 0.3$ $y = \pm 2$

Examples



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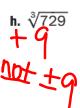
6. ³√125

$$\sqrt[3]{125} = 5$$
 $5^3 = 5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5$ or 125

7. $\sqrt[3]{-27}$

$$\sqrt[3]{-27} = -3$$
 $(-3)^3 = (-3) \cdot (-3) \cdot (-3)$ or -27

Got It? Do these problems to find out.



I. ³√64

j. ³√1,000

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Example



8. Dylan has a planter in the shape of a cube that holds 8 cubic feet of potting soil. Solve the equation $8 = s^3$ to find the side length s of the container.

 $8 = s^3$

Write the equation.

 $\sqrt[3]{8} = s$

Take the cube root of each side.

2 = s

Definition of cube root

So, each side of the container is 2 feet.

Check
$$(2)^3 = 8$$
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Got It? Do this problem to find out.

k. An aquarium in the shape of a cube that will hold 25 gallons of water has a volume of 3.375 cubic feet. Solve $s^3 = 3.375$ to find the length of one side of the aquarium.

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