

EXTRA PRACTICE 41
Rationalizing Denominators
 Use after Section 10.5

Name _____

Examples: Assume that all expressions represent nonnegative numbers.

a) Rationalize the denominator.

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\sqrt[3]{4x^2}}{\sqrt[3]{2y^5}} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt[3]{4x^2}}{\sqrt[3]{3y^5}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[3]{9y}}{\sqrt[3]{9y}} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt[3]{36x^2y}}{\sqrt[3]{27y^6}} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt[3]{36x^2y}}{3y^2} \end{aligned}$$

b) Rationalize the denominator.

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{5}{\sqrt{7} + \sqrt{5}} \\ &= \frac{5}{\sqrt{7} + \sqrt{5}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{7} - \sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{7} - \sqrt{5}} \\ &= \frac{5\sqrt{7} - 5\sqrt{5}}{(\sqrt{7})^2 - (\sqrt{5})^2} \\ &= \frac{5\sqrt{7} - 5\sqrt{5}}{7 - 5} \\ &= \frac{5\sqrt{7} - 5\sqrt{5}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Rationalize the denominator. Assume that all expressions represent nonnegative numbers.

1. $\sqrt{\frac{6}{7}} =$ _____ 2. $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{5}} =$ _____

3. $\sqrt{\frac{8x}{3y}} =$ _____ 4. $\sqrt{\frac{2x}{3y}} =$ _____

5. $\frac{\sqrt[3]{3x^2}}{\sqrt[3]{5y^4}} =$ _____ 6. $\frac{\sqrt[4]{7y^3}}{\sqrt[4]{8x^5}} =$ _____

7. $\frac{\sqrt[3]{4x^2}}{\sqrt[3]{5y}} =$ _____ 8. $\frac{\sqrt[5]{2x^3}}{\sqrt[5]{3y}} =$ _____

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9. $\frac{\sqrt[3]{3x}}{\sqrt[3]{y}} =$ _____ - 10. $\frac{\sqrt{5y}}{\sqrt{3x}} =$ _____

11. $\frac{2x}{\sqrt{5y}} =$ _____ - 12. $\frac{3x^2}{\sqrt[3]{2y}} =$ _____

13. $\frac{4}{8 - \sqrt{5}} =$ _____ - 14. $\frac{-3\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{3}} =$ _____

15. $\frac{18\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{7}} =$ _____ - 16. $\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3x} - \sqrt{2x}} =$ _____

17. $\frac{\sqrt{7} - 2\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{7} - \sqrt{3}} =$ _____ - 18. $\frac{2\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y}}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}} =$ _____

19. $\frac{\sqrt{7} - 2\sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{7} + \sqrt{x}} =$ _____ - 20. $\frac{2\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y}}{\sqrt{x} - 3\sqrt{y}} =$ _____