

## Lesson 2.3 Exercises, pages 114–119

**A**

3. a) Simplify each radical, if possible.

$$\begin{array}{l} \sqrt{27} \quad 3\sqrt{2} \quad \sqrt{8} \quad \sqrt{32} \\ \sqrt{27} = \sqrt{9 \cdot 3} \quad 3\sqrt{2} \quad \sqrt{8} = \sqrt{4 \cdot 2} \quad \sqrt{32} = \sqrt{16 \cdot 2} \\ = 3\sqrt{3} \quad \quad \quad = 2\sqrt{2} \quad \quad \quad = 4\sqrt{2} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \sqrt{6} \quad 2\sqrt{3} \quad \sqrt{48} \quad \sqrt{18} \\ \sqrt{6} \quad 2\sqrt{3} \quad \sqrt{48} = \sqrt{16 \cdot 3} \quad \sqrt{18} = \sqrt{9 \cdot 2} \\ \quad \quad \quad = 4\sqrt{3} \quad \quad \quad = 3\sqrt{2} \end{array}$$

b) Group the radicals in part a into sets of like radicals.

All radicals have index 2.

Radicals with radicand 2:  $3\sqrt{2}$ ,  $2\sqrt{2}$ ,  $4\sqrt{2}$ ,  $3\sqrt{2}$ ; that is,  
 $3\sqrt{2}$ ,  $\sqrt{8}$ ,  $\sqrt{32}$ ,  $\sqrt{18}$

Radicals with radicand 3:  $3\sqrt{3}$ ,  $2\sqrt{3}$ ,  $4\sqrt{3}$ ; that is,  
 $\sqrt{27}$ ,  $2\sqrt{3}$ ,  $\sqrt{48}$

4. Simplify by adding or subtracting like terms.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } 3\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{2} - 5\sqrt{2} &= (3 + 2 - 5)\sqrt{2} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned} \qquad \begin{aligned} \text{b) } \sqrt{108} - 2\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{75} &= \sqrt{36 \cdot 3} - 2\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{25 \cdot 3} \\ &= 6\sqrt{3} - 2\sqrt{3} - 5\sqrt{3} \\ &= -\sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c) } 5\sqrt{7} + 2\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{28} + \sqrt{45} &= 5\sqrt{7} + 2\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{4 \cdot 7} + \sqrt{9 \cdot 5} \\ &= 5\sqrt{7} + 2\sqrt{5} - 2\sqrt{7} + 3\sqrt{5} \\ &= 3\sqrt{7} + 5\sqrt{5} \end{aligned} \qquad \begin{aligned} \text{d) } \sqrt[3]{16} + \sqrt[3]{375} - 3\sqrt[3]{2} &= \sqrt[3]{8 \cdot 2} + \sqrt[3]{125 \cdot 3} - 3\sqrt[3]{2} \\ &= 2\sqrt[3]{2} + 5\sqrt[3]{3} - 3\sqrt[3]{2} \\ &= -\sqrt[3]{2} + 5\sqrt[3]{3} \end{aligned}$$

5. Simplify.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } 6\sqrt{x} - 4\sqrt{x} + 2\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{x}, x \geq 0 &= (6 - 4 + 2 + 1)\sqrt{x} \\ &= 5\sqrt{x} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } \sqrt{4a} + \sqrt{16a} - \sqrt{9a}, a \geq 0 &= \sqrt{4 \cdot a} + \sqrt{16 \cdot a} - \sqrt{9 \cdot a} \\ &= 2\sqrt{a} + 4\sqrt{a} - 3\sqrt{a} \\ &= 3\sqrt{a} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c) } \sqrt[3]{27x^2} - \sqrt[3]{8x^2} + \sqrt[3]{64x^2}, x \in \mathbb{R} &= \sqrt[3]{27 \cdot x^2} - \sqrt[3]{8 \cdot x^2} + \sqrt[3]{64 \cdot x^2} \\ &= 3\sqrt[3]{x^2} - 2\sqrt[3]{x^2} + 4\sqrt[3]{x^2} \\ &= 5\sqrt[3]{x^2} \end{aligned}$$

## B

6. Explain why it is necessary to write  $\sqrt[4]{x^4}$  as  $|x|$ .

$\sqrt[4]{x^4}$  is defined for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . The radical sign indicates the principal root, so the value of  $\sqrt[4]{x^4}$  cannot be negative. Although  $x^4$  is always positive or zero,  $x$  can be negative. So, it is necessary to write  $\sqrt[4]{x^4}$  as  $|x|$ .

7. Identify the values of the variables for which each radical is defined, then simplify.

$$\text{a) } 7\sqrt{-x} + 15\sqrt{-x} - 13\sqrt{-x}$$

The radicand cannot be negative, so  $-x \geq 0$ ; that is,  $x \leq 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} 7\sqrt{-x} + 15\sqrt{-x} - 13\sqrt{-x} &= (7 + 15 - 13)\sqrt{-x} \\ &= 9\sqrt{-x} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{b) } \sqrt{28m^4n} + m^2\sqrt{63n}$$

The radicand cannot be negative.

Since  $m^4 \geq 0$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$n$  cannot be negative, so  $n \geq 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{28m^4n} + m^2\sqrt{63n} &= \sqrt{4 \cdot 7 \cdot m^4 \cdot n} + m^2\sqrt{9 \cdot 7 \cdot n} \\ &= 2m^2\sqrt{7n} + 3m^2\sqrt{7n} \\ &= 5m^2\sqrt{7n} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{c) } 4\sqrt[3]{2p^4q} - 6p\sqrt[3]{2pq}$$

The cube root of a number is defined for all real numbers. So, each radical is defined for  $p, q \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} 4\sqrt[3]{2p^4q} - 6p\sqrt[3]{2pq} &= 4\sqrt[3]{2 \cdot p^3 \cdot pq} - 6p\sqrt[3]{2pq} \\ &= 4p\sqrt[3]{2pq} - 6p\sqrt[3]{2pq} \\ &= -2p\sqrt[3]{2pq} \end{aligned}$$

### 8. Simplify.

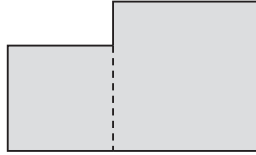
$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } \sqrt{5b} + 4\sqrt{5b} - 3\sqrt[3]{5b} - 2\sqrt{5b}, b \geq 0 \\ &= \sqrt{5b} + 4\sqrt{5b} - 2\sqrt{5b} - 3\sqrt[3]{5b} \\ &= 3\sqrt{5b} - 3\sqrt[3]{5b} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } 3\sqrt{x^3} + 5\sqrt{2x} - \sqrt{4x^3}, x \geq 0 \\ &= 3\sqrt{x^2 \cdot x} + 5\sqrt{2x} - \sqrt{4 \cdot x^2 \cdot x} \\ &= 3x\sqrt{x} + 5\sqrt{2x} - 2x\sqrt{x} \\ &= x\sqrt{x} + 5\sqrt{2x} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c) } 5e\sqrt{24e^3} - 7\sqrt{54e^5} + e^2\sqrt{6e} + 6e, e \geq 0 \\ &= 5e\sqrt{4 \cdot 6 \cdot e^2 \cdot e} - 7\sqrt{9 \cdot 6 \cdot e^4 \cdot e} + e^2\sqrt{6e} + 6e \\ &= 5e(2e)\sqrt{6e} - 7(3e^2)\sqrt{6e} + e^2\sqrt{6e} + 6e \\ &= 10e^2\sqrt{6e} - 21e^2\sqrt{6e} + e^2\sqrt{6e} + 6e \\ &= -10e^2\sqrt{6e} + 6e \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{d) } \sqrt[3]{16v^5} + \sqrt[3]{3w^4} + 2w\sqrt[3]{24w} - 5v\sqrt[3]{54v^2}, v, w \in \mathbb{R} \\ &= \sqrt[3]{8 \cdot 2 \cdot v^3 \cdot v^2} + \sqrt[3]{3 \cdot w^3 \cdot w} + 2w\sqrt[3]{8 \cdot 3 \cdot w} - 5v\sqrt[3]{27 \cdot 2 \cdot v^2} \\ &= 2v\sqrt[3]{2v^2} + w\sqrt[3]{3w} + 2w(2)\sqrt[3]{3w} - 5v(3)\sqrt[3]{2v^2} \\ &= 2v\sqrt[3]{2v^2} + w\sqrt[3]{3w} + 4w\sqrt[3]{3w} - 15v\sqrt[3]{2v^2} \\ &= -13v\sqrt[3]{2v^2} + 5w\sqrt[3]{3w} \end{aligned}$$

9. A square with area 24 square units is placed beside a square with area 50 square units. In simplest form, write a radical expression for the perimeter of the shape formed.



The side length of a square is the square root of its area.

Small square:

Its area is 24, so its side length is  $\sqrt{24}$ .

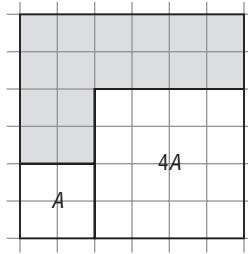
Large square:

Its area is 50, so its side length is  $\sqrt{50}$ .

The perimeter of the shape formed consists of 3 sides of each square and the length that is the difference in their side lengths.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Perimeter of shape formed} &= 3\sqrt{24} + 3\sqrt{50} + (\sqrt{50} - \sqrt{24}) \\ &= 3\sqrt{24} + 3\sqrt{50} + \sqrt{50} - \sqrt{24} \\ &= 2\sqrt{24} + 4\sqrt{50} \\ &= 2\sqrt{4 \cdot 6} + 4\sqrt{25 \cdot 2} \\ &= 4\sqrt{6} + 20\sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

10. Two squares are enclosed in a large square as shown. The area of the smallest square is  $A$  square units. The area of the middle square is  $4A$  square units. Determine the area and perimeter of the shaded region in terms of  $A$ .



The side length of a square is the square root of its area.

So, the side length of the small square is:  $\sqrt{A}$  units

The side length of the middle square is:  $\sqrt{4A}$ , or  $2\sqrt{A}$  units

The side length of the large square is the sum of the side lengths of the other 2 squares:  $\sqrt{A} + 2\sqrt{A}$ , or  $3\sqrt{A}$

Area of shaded region

$$\begin{aligned} &= \text{area of large square} - \text{area of small square} - \text{area of middle square} \\ &= (3\sqrt{A})^2 - A - 4A \\ &= 9A - 5A \\ &= 4A \end{aligned}$$

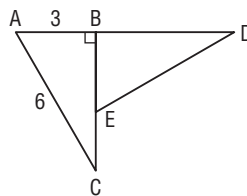
From the diagram, the length of 2 grid squares is  $\sqrt{A}$ .

The perimeter of the shaded region is the length of 20 grid squares.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So, perimeter} &= 20 \text{ grid squares} \\ &= 10 \cdot (2 \text{ grid squares}) \\ &= 10\sqrt{A} \end{aligned}$$

**C**

- 11.** In right  $\triangle ABC$ ,  $AB$  has length 3 units and  $AC$  has length 6 units. A congruent triangle is placed adjacent to  $\triangle ABC$  as shown. Determine the perimeter of the shape formed.



Use the Pythagorean Theorem in  $\triangle ABC$  to determine the length of  $BC$ .

$$(AC)^2 = (BC)^2 + (AB)^2$$

$$6^2 = (BC)^2 + 3^2$$

$$27 = (BC)^2$$

$$\sqrt{27} = BC$$

$$3\sqrt{3} = BC$$

The perimeter of each triangle is:  $6 + 3 + 3\sqrt{3} = 9 + 3\sqrt{3}$

$$BE = AB = 3$$

So, the perimeter of the shape formed is:

2 times the perimeter of  $\triangle ABC$  – 2 times  $BE$

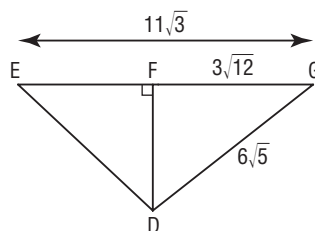
$$= 2(9 + 3\sqrt{3}) - 2(3)$$

$$= 18 + 6\sqrt{3} - 6$$

$$= 12 + 6\sqrt{3}$$

So, the perimeter of the shape formed is  $(12 + 6\sqrt{3})$  units.

- 12.** Determine whether  $\triangle EDG$  is a right triangle. How did you find out?



Use the Pythagorean Theorem in right  $\triangle DFG$  to determine the length of  $DF$ .

$$(DG)^2 = (FG)^2 + (DF)^2$$

$$(6\sqrt{5})^2 = (3\sqrt{12})^2 + (DF)^2$$

$$180 = 108 + (DF)^2$$

$$(DF)^2 = 72$$

$$DF = \sqrt{72}$$

$$DF = 6\sqrt{2}$$

Use the Pythagorean Theorem in right  $\triangle DEF$  to determine the length of  $ED$ .

$$(ED)^2 = (EF)^2 + (DF)^2$$

$$(ED)^2 = (11\sqrt{3} - 3\sqrt{12})^2 + (6\sqrt{2})^2$$

$$(ED)^2 = 75 + 72$$

$$(ED)^2 = 147$$

$$ED = \sqrt{147}$$

$$ED = 7\sqrt{3}$$

To determine whether  $\triangle EDG$  is a right triangle, use the Pythagorean Theorem to check whether  $(EG)^2 = (ED)^2 + (DG)^2$

$$\text{L.S.} = (EG)^2$$

$$= (11\sqrt{3})^2$$

$$= 363$$

$$\text{R.S.} = (ED)^2 + (DG)^2$$

$$= (7\sqrt{3})^2 + (6\sqrt{5})^2$$

$$= 147 + 180$$

$$= 327$$

Since  $\text{L.S.} \neq \text{R.S.}$ ,  $\triangle EDG$  is not a right triangle.

- 13.** Determine if there are any values of  $x$  and  $y$  such that  $\sqrt{x + y}$  and  $\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}$  are equal. Explain your reasoning.

$$x, y \geq 0$$

$$\sqrt{x + y} = \sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}$$

$$(\sqrt{x + y})^2 = (\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y})^2$$

$$x + y = x + 2\sqrt{xy} + y$$

$$2\sqrt{xy} = 0$$

For  $xy = 0$ ,  $x = 0$ , or  $y = 0$ , or both  $x = 0$  and  $y = 0$

So, there are values of  $x$  and  $y$  such that  $\sqrt{x + y} = \sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}$ .