

## Warm Up:

1. Evaluate each of the following without using a calculator:

$$(a) 27^{\frac{1}{3}} = ?$$

$\sqrt[3]{27}$   
 $= 3$

$8 \times 8 \times 8$   
 $64 \times 8$   
 $\sqrt[3]{64}$   
 $\frac{64}{8}$

$$(b) 64^{\frac{3}{2}} = ?$$

$(\sqrt{64})^3$   
 $= 8^3$   
 $= \underline{512}$

$$(c) \left(\frac{16}{81}\right)^{\frac{3}{4}} = ?$$

$\frac{16^{3/4}}{81^{3/4}} = \frac{(\sqrt[4]{16})^3}{(\sqrt[4]{81})^3}$   
 $= \frac{8}{27}$

$$(d) 32^{\frac{7}{5}} = ?$$

$(\sqrt[5]{32})^7$   
 $= 2^7$   
 $= \underline{128}$

2. Evaluate each of the following using a calculator:

$$(a) -32^{\frac{2}{7}} = ?$$

$\approx -2.6918\dots$

$$(b) 20^{\frac{5}{8}} = ?$$

$\approx 6.5034\dots$

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#20/  $100(0.5)^{\frac{n}{5}}$

a)  $\frac{1}{2}h \Rightarrow n = 0.5$

$100(0.5)^{\frac{0.5}{5}}$

= 93.30

= 93%

b)  $n = 1.5$

$100(0.5)^{\frac{1.5}{5}}$

$100(0.5)^{\wedge(1.5/5)}$

81.22%

\* c)  $\frac{100(0.5)^{\frac{n}{5}}}{100} = \frac{50}{100}$

$\frac{2w = 15}{3} \Rightarrow w = 5$

$(0.5)^{\frac{n}{5}} = \frac{1}{2}$

$(\frac{1}{2})^{\frac{n}{5}} = (\frac{1}{2})^1$

$(5) \frac{n}{5} = 1(5)$

$n = 5$

$6^2 = 6^w \Rightarrow w = 2$

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 $\frac{1}{2}$  hour later...

$100(0.97)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

= 93.27..

= 93%

$$21. T \doteq 0.2 R^{3/2}$$

Earth:

$$T = 0.2 (149)^{3/2}$$

$T =$

Has to be larger

Mars:

$$T = 0.2 (228)^{3/2}$$

$T =$

## 4.5 Negative Exponents and Reciprocals

### LESSON FOCUS

Relate negative exponents to reciprocals.

Reciprocal

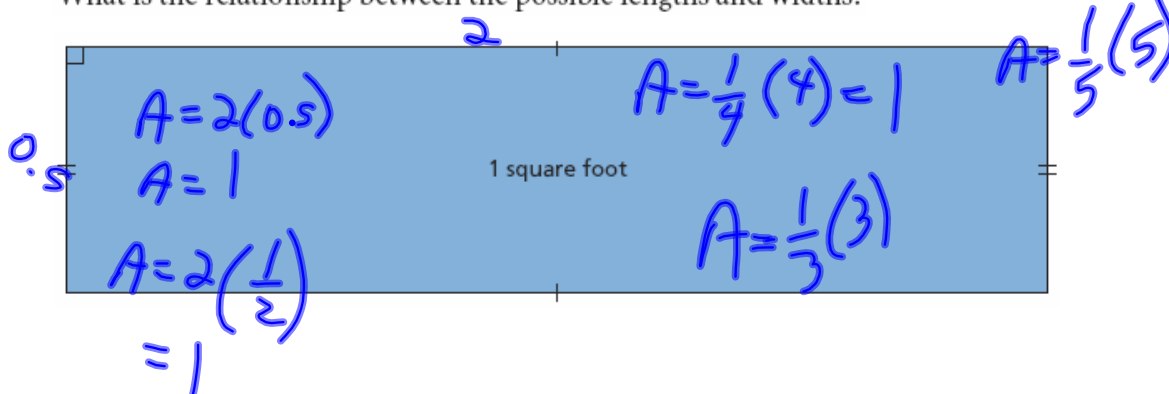
### Make Connections

$$-\frac{3}{5} \Rightarrow -\frac{5}{3}$$

A rectangle has area 1 square foot.

List 5 possible pairs of lengths and widths for this rectangle.

What is the relationship between the possible lengths and widths?



## Reciprocals:

What are some properties of numbers classified as reciprocals?

Product of a number and its reciprocal  
will ALWAYS equal 1.

ie  $-\frac{3}{7} \cdot -\frac{7}{3} = \frac{21}{21} = 1$

### Definition:

Two numbers with a product of 1 are reciprocals.

Since  $4 \cdot \frac{1}{4} = 1$ , the numbers 4 and  $\frac{1}{4}$  are reciprocals.

Similarly,  $\frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{2} = 1$ , so the numbers  $\frac{2}{3}$  and  $\frac{3}{2}$  are also reciprocals.

Use the concept of reciprocals to deal with **NEGATIVE** exponents...

We define powers with negative exponents so that previously developed properties such as  $a^m \cdot a^n = a^{m+n}$  and  $a^0 = 1$  still apply.

How can we explain the meaning of negative exponents?

$$5^3 = 125 \quad 5^{-3} = ?$$

$$\frac{5^7}{5^{10}} = 5^{-3}$$

1

$$\frac{\cancel{5 \times 5 \times 5 \times 5 \times 5 \times 5 \times 5}}{\cancel{5 \times 5 \times 5 \times 5 \times 5 \times 5 \times 5 \times 5 \times 5 \times 5}}$$

$$\frac{\cancel{5 \times 5 \times 5 \times 5 \times 5 \times 5 \times 5 \times 5 \times 5 \times 5}}{5 \times 5 \times 5}$$

1

$$5 \times 5 \times 5$$

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{5^3} = 5^{-3}}$$

Take Reciprocal  
and make exponent  
positive

$$\frac{1}{125} = 5^{-3}$$

## IMPORTANT PROPERTY!!

### Powers with Negative Exponents

When  $x$  is any non-zero number and  $n$  is a rational number,  $x^{-n}$  is the reciprocal of  $x^n$ .

That is,  $x^{-n} = \frac{1}{x^n}$  and  $\frac{1}{x^{-n}} = x^n$ ,  $x \neq 0$

Examples:

$$6^{-2} = \frac{1}{6^2} \\ = \frac{1}{36}$$

$$\left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^{-3} = \left(\frac{5}{2}\right)^3 \\ = \frac{125}{8}$$

$$\frac{3^{-2}}{4} = \frac{1}{4(3)^2} \\ = \frac{1}{36}$$

$$0.2^{-4} = \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^{-4} \\ = \left(\frac{5}{1}\right)^4 \\ = \underline{625}$$

OR??

$$\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{-2} = \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^2 \\ = \frac{16}{9}$$

OR ...

$$\frac{3}{4^{-2}} = 3(4)^2 \\ = 3(16) \\ = \frac{48}{1}$$



ex.

$$\begin{aligned} 1) & -5^{-2} \\ &= -\frac{1}{5^2} \\ &= -\frac{1}{25} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2) & (-6)^{-2} \\ &= \frac{1}{(-6)^2} = \frac{1}{36} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3) & \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{-3} \\ & \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^3 = \frac{64}{27} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 4) & \frac{7}{2^{-3}} \\ & 7(2^3) \\ & = \underline{56} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 5) & \frac{2^{-3}}{9} \\ & \frac{1}{2^3(9)} \\ & \frac{1}{72} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 6) & -\frac{3^{-1}}{8} \\ & -\frac{1}{3(8)} \\ & = -\frac{1}{24} \end{aligned}$$