

## Notation, Radicals, Exponents, and Functions

**Set-Builder and Interval Notation**Rules: \*For set-builder,

1. Start with {x |
2. Write in the inequality **as it is**
3. Close with }

\*For interval,

1. Start with ( if the lowest/starting number is **not equal (or is  $-\infty$ )**, or [ if the number **is equal**
2. Write in the lowest/starting number
3. If x is simply less than a single number, the starting number is  $-\infty$
4. Write a comma
5. Write in the greatest/ending number
6. If x is simply greater than a single number, the ending number is  $\infty$
7. End with ) if the greatest/ending number is **not equal (or is  $\infty$ )**, or ] if the number **is equal**

Write each in the requested notation.

Inequality	Set-Builder	Interval	Inequality	Set-Builder	Interval
<b>EXAMPLE:</b> $-2 < x \leq 7$	<i>Just write it into {x  }</i> $\{x   -2 < x \leq 7 \}$	<i>-2 is not equal, but 7 is</i> $(-2, 7]$	<b>EXAMPLE:</b> $x \geq 5$	<i>Just write it into {x  }</i> $\{x   x \geq 5 \}$	<i>Equal to 5, and bigger</i> $[5, \infty)$
1. $6 \leq x < 9$			4. $x \leq 13$		
2. $x < -3$			5. $0 < x < 1$		
3. $-4 \leq x \leq 10$			6. $x > 6$		

**Radicals**

Rules:

1. Simplify, if you can, by separating out perfect square factors and rooting them. Ex:  $\sqrt{56} = \sqrt{4}\sqrt{14} = 2\sqrt{14}$
2. Roots can be combined when multiplied or divided with each other, but a root cannot combine with a normal number. Ex:  $\sqrt{3}\sqrt{12} = \sqrt{36} = 6$  but...  $4\sqrt{7}$  **is not**  $\sqrt{28}$  or 28 **it's just**  $4\sqrt{7}$ !  
Ex:  $\frac{\sqrt{150}}{\sqrt{6}} = \sqrt{25} = 5$  but...  $\frac{\sqrt{15}}{3}$  **is not**  $\sqrt{5}$  or 5 **it's just**  $\frac{\sqrt{15}}{3}$ !
3. To get a radical out of the bottom, rationalize the denominator. This means, multiply the top and bottom by the denominator's radical. *Shortcut hint: the result will always move the radical to the top and leave a copy of its radicand (the number inside) on the bottom.* Ex:  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{17}} \rightarrow \frac{1\sqrt{17}}{17} \rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{17}}{17}$

Simplify each.

1. $\sqrt{24}$	4. $\frac{\sqrt{56}}{\sqrt{14}}$	7. $\sqrt{50}\sqrt{20}$	10. $\frac{5\sqrt{2}}{4\sqrt{20}}$
2. $\frac{\sqrt{80}}{\sqrt{5}}$	5. $\sqrt{15}\sqrt{10}$	8. $\frac{6}{5\sqrt{15}}$	11. $\sqrt{72}$
3. $\sqrt{8}\sqrt{14}$	6. $\frac{8}{\sqrt{12}}$	9. $\sqrt{125}$	12. $\sqrt{\frac{121}{25}}$

## Exponents

Rules:

- Anything to the power of  $0 = 1$ .
- Anything to the power of  $1 =$  itself.
- Anything to a negative power moves from the top of the fraction to the bottom, or from the bottom to the top. After it moves, the power becomes positive.
- A power touching parentheses multiplies to every exponent inside them—including the invisible  $1$ .
- Multiplying two base numbers that are the same means you add the exponents—including the invisible  $1$ .
- Dividing two base numbers that are the same means you subtract the exponents—including the invisible  $1$ .  
*Trick: always subtract bigger exponent - smaller exponent, and put what remains wherever the bigger exponent used to be.* Ex:  $\frac{a^3}{a^5} = \frac{1}{a^2}$  but  $\frac{a^5}{a^3} = \frac{a^2}{1} = a^2$
- The most important part of this process is organization. Organize the problem first, then keep it that way!

**Simplify each.**

**Example:**

$$\frac{g^3 h^5 k^{-3} m^0 n g^2}{h^3 g^9 m n^{-6} k^{-2}}$$

One way to organize is to use a table to line up the matching bases.  
Simplify each section.  
Keep simplifying, until it's done.

$g^3 g^2$	$h^5$	$k^{-3}$	$m^0$	$n$
$g^9$	$h^3$	$k^{-2}$	$m$	$n^{-6}$
$g^5$	$h^2$	$k^{+2}$	$1$	$n^1 n^{+6}$
$g^9$	$1$	$k^{+3}$	$m$	$1$
$1$	$h^2$	$1$	$1$	$n^7$
$g^4$	$1$	$k^1$	$m$	$1$

$$\frac{h^2 n^7}{g^4 k m}$$

**Example:**

$$\frac{(p^{-2} q^8 r^0)^5 p^3 r s^{-4}}{q^3 r^{-4} p q^{-4} s^5}$$

$$= \frac{p^{-10} q^{40} r^0 p^3 r s^{-4}}{q^3 r^{-4} p q^{-4} s^5}$$

Organize **after** multiplying out the  $)^5$ .  
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$p^{-10} p^3$	$q^{40}$	$r^0 r$	$s^{-4}$
$p$	$q^3 q^{-4}$	$r^{-4}$	$s^5$

Then, simplify until you're done.

$p^3$	$q^{40} q^{-4}$	$1 r^1 r^{+4}$	$1$
$p^{+10} p^1$	$q^3$	$1$	$s^{+4} s^5$

$p^3$	$q^{44}$	$r^5$	$1$
$p^{11}$	$q^3$	$1$	$s^9$

$1$	$q^{41}$	$r^5$	$1$
$p^8$	$1$	$1$	$s^9$

$$\frac{q^{41} r^5}{p^8 s^9}$$

1. 
$$\frac{a^8 b c^{-4} b^7}{a^{-6} b^{10} c a^0 c^{-5}}$$

3. 
$$\frac{y^{-2} x y^5 z^8}{x^7 (x^{-1} y^5 z^2)^4 y^{-8}}$$

2. 
$$\frac{(m^5 n^0 p^2 q^{-4})^{-3} m p q^3}{m^{-6} n p^5}$$


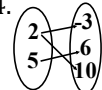
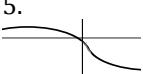
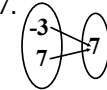
4. 
$$\frac{g^2 h k^{-3} h^3 g k^0}{g^{-4} k h^5}$$

## Functions:

Rules:

- Every girl gets one guy, every x gets one y. If any x has more than one y, it is not a function!
- Domain is x, and Range is y.

**Determine if each relation is a function.**

1. $\{(3, 1), (-4, 5), (6, 1), (0, 2)\}$	2. $\begin{array}{l} \text{D}   -1 \quad -1 \quad 4 \\ \text{R}   0 \quad 5 \quad 7 \end{array}$	3. 	4. 	5. 	6. $\{(7, -2), (5, 4), (7, 0)\}$	7. 	8. $\begin{array}{l} \text{DR} \\ 2   5 \\ 3   5 \\ 2   5 \end{array}$
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