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Study Guide and Intervention

Squares and Square Roots

The product of a number and itself is the **square** of the number. Numbers like 4, 25, and 2.25 are called **perfect squares** because they are squares of rational numbers. The factors multiplied to form perfect squares are called **square roots**. Both $5 \cdot 5$ and $(-5)(-5)$ equal 25. So, 25 has two square roots, 5 and -5 . A **radical sign**, $\sqrt{\quad}$, is the symbol used to indicate the *positive* square root of a number. So, $\sqrt{25} = 5$.

EXAMPLES

- 1 Find the square of 5.

$$5 \cdot 5 = 25$$

- 2 Find the square of 16.

$$16 \boxed{x^2} \boxed{=}$$
 256

- 3 Find $\sqrt{49}$.

$$7 \cdot 7 = 49, \text{ so } \sqrt{49} = 7.$$

- 4 Find $\sqrt{169}$.

$$\boxed{2nd} \boxed{\sqrt{\quad}} 169 \boxed{=}$$
 13

$$\text{So, } \sqrt{169} = 13.$$

- EXAMPLE 5** A square tile has an area of 144 square inches. What are the dimensions of the tile?

$$\boxed{2nd} \boxed{\sqrt{\quad}} 144 \boxed{=}$$
 12 Find the square root of 144.

So, the tile measures 12 inches by 12 inches.

EXERCISES

Find the square of each number.

1. 2 4

2. 9 81

3. 14 196

4. 15 225

5. 21 441

6. 45 2025

Find each square root.

7. $\sqrt{16}$ 4

8. $\sqrt{36}$ 6

9. $\sqrt{256}$ 16

10. $\sqrt{1,024}$ 32

11. $\sqrt{361}$ 19

12. $\sqrt{484}$ 22

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1. 3

2. 22

3. 25

4. 24

5. 35

6. 26

7. 37

8. 50

Find each square root.

9. $\sqrt{25}$

10. $\sqrt{100}$

11. $\sqrt{441}$

12. $\sqrt{900}$

13. $\sqrt{961}$

14. $\sqrt{784}$

15. $\sqrt{3,600}$

16. $\sqrt{1,936}$

17. What is the square of -37 ?

18. Find both square roots of 4,900.

19. Square 7.2.

20. Square 4.5.