

### 3.2 - Perfect Squares & Cubes

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 $A = l \cdot w$ $= (1m)(1m)$ $= 1m^2$	 $A = l \cdot w$ $= (2m)(2m)$ $= 4m^2$	 $A = l \cdot w = (3m)(3m) = 9m^2$	...
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Any whole number that can be represented by the area of a square is called a "perfect square" and the lengths of the square's sides are called the "square root".

Square Root  $\sqrt{\phantom{x}}$

Ex:  $\sqrt{25} = ?$

Because  $5m \times 5m = 25m^2$ ,

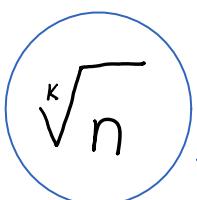
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$A = 25m^2$

?

$$\sqrt{25} = 5$$

Generally,



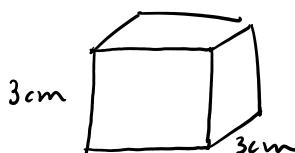
n: Radicand  
k: Index  
→ "Radical"



Volume =  $l \cdot w \cdot h$   
 $= (1cm)(1cm)(1cm)$   
 $= 1cm^3$



$V = l \cdot w \cdot h$   
 $= (2cm)(2cm)(2cm)$   
 $= 8cm^3$



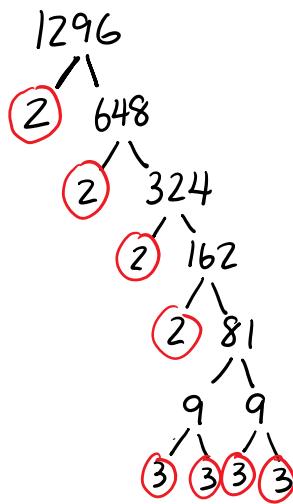
$V = l \cdot w \cdot h$   
 $= (3cm)(3cm)(3cm)$   
 $= 27cm^3$

...

Any whole number that can be represented by the volume of a cube is called a "perfect cube" and the side length is

the "cube root".  $\sqrt[3]{}$

Ex:  $\sqrt[3]{1296} = ?$  Let's use prime factorization:



Notice how we have equal pairs of factors.

4 2's  
4 3's

Because the index is 2, make 2 equal groups:

$$\begin{aligned} 1296 &= \\ & (2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 3)(2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 3) \\ &= (36)(36) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \sqrt[3]{1296} = 36$$

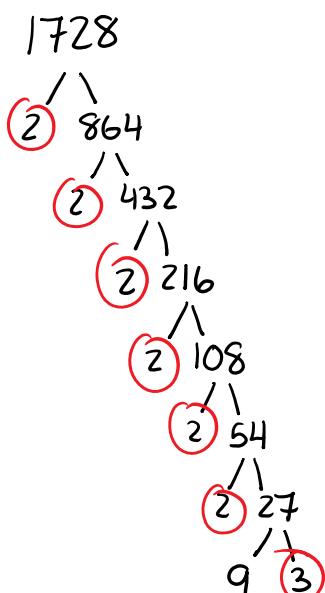
- OR -

Because the index is 2, take out pairs of identical factors.

$$1296 = 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3$$

$\downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow$   
 $2 \times 2 \times 3 \times 3$   
 $\boxed{36}$

$$\text{Ex: } \sqrt[3]{1728}$$



Because our index is now 3, we take out triples of identical factors:

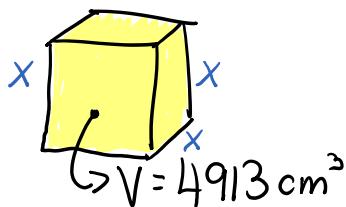
$$1728 = 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3$$

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 $2 \times 2 \times 3$   
 $\boxed{12}$

$$\therefore \sqrt[3]{1728} = 12$$

$$\begin{array}{c} 4 \\ 9 \\ 3 \end{array}$$

Ex: A cube has a volume of  $4913 \text{ cm}^3$ . What is the surface area?



One cube face:

17cm  
17cm

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area} &= lw \\ &= (17\text{cm})(17\text{cm}) \\ &= 289 \text{ cm}^2 \end{aligned}$$

Six faces in a cube,

so

$$\begin{aligned} 6 \times 289 \text{ cm}^2 \\ = 1734 \text{ cm}^2 \end{aligned}$$

The cube root of the volume will give us the side lengths:

$$\sqrt[3]{ }$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 4913 \\ | \\ 17 \\ | \\ 289 \\ | \\ 17 \\ | \\ 17 \end{array}$$

The index is 3, so take out triples:

$$4913 = \boxed{17 \times 17 \times 17}$$

$$\sqrt[3]{4913} = 17 \text{ cm}$$

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