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Key

10-4 Practice Radical Equations

Solve each equation. Check your solution.

1. $(\sqrt{-b})^2 = 8^2$

$-b = 64$

$b = -64$

$8 = 8$

2. $(4\sqrt{3})^2 = (\sqrt{x})^2$

$16(3) = x$

$48 = x$

$4\sqrt{3} = 4\sqrt{3}$

3. $2\sqrt{4r} + 3 = 11$

$(\sqrt{4r})^2 = (4)^2$

$4r = 16$

$r = 4$

$11 = 11$

4. $6 - \sqrt{2y} = -2$

$(\sqrt{2y})^2 = (8)^2$

$2y = 64$

$y = 32$

$-2 = -2$

5. $(\sqrt{m-5})^2 = (4\sqrt{3})^2$

$m-5 = 16(3)$

$m = 53$

$4\sqrt{3} = 4\sqrt{3}$

6. $(\sqrt{5m-16})^2 = (m-2)^2$

$5m-16 = m^2-4m+4$

$0 = m^2-9m+20$

$0 = (m-4)(m-5)$

$5, 4$

$3 = 3 \quad 2 = 2$

7. $(\sqrt{6t+12})^2 = (8\sqrt{6})^2$

$6t+12 = 64(6)$

$6t = 372$

$t = 62$

$8\sqrt{6} = 8\sqrt{6}$

8. $\sqrt{3j-11} + 2 = 9$

$3j-11 = 49$

$3j = 60$

$j = 20$

$9 = 9$

9. $6\sqrt{\frac{3x}{3}} - 3 = 0$

$(\sqrt{\frac{3x}{3}})^2 = (\frac{1}{2})^2$

$\frac{3x}{3} = \frac{1}{4}$

$\frac{12x}{12} = \frac{3}{12}$

$x = \frac{1}{4}$

$0 = 0$

$$10. 6 + \sqrt{\frac{5r}{6}} = -2$$

$$\left(\sqrt{\frac{5r}{6}}\right)^2 = (-8)^2$$

$$\frac{5r}{6} = 64$$

$$\frac{5r}{5} = \frac{384}{5}$$

$$r = 76.8 \text{ Extraneous}$$

$$14 \neq -2$$

$$11. \sqrt{10p + 61} - 7 = p$$

$$\left(\sqrt{10p + 61}\right)^2 = (p+7)^2$$

$$10p + 61 = p^2 + 14p + 49$$

$$0 = p^2 + 4p - 12$$

$$0 = (p+6)(p-2)$$

$$\boxed{-6, 2}$$

$$-6 \neq$$

$$2 = 2$$

$$12. \left(\sqrt{2x^2 - 9}\right)^2 = x^2$$

$$2x^2 - 9 = x^2$$

$$x^2 = 9$$

$$\boxed{\pm 3}$$

-3 is extraneous

$$\boxed{3 = 3}$$

$$\boxed{3 \neq 3}$$

13. Assuming no air resistance, the time t in seconds that it takes an object to fall h feet can be determined by the equation $t = \frac{\sqrt{h}}{4}$.

a. If a skydiver jumps from an airplane and free falls for 10 seconds before opening the parachute, how many feet does the skydiver fall?

b. Suppose a second skydiver jumps and free falls for 6 seconds. How many feet does the second skydiver fall?

a)

$$10 = \frac{\sqrt{h}}{4}$$

$$40 = \sqrt{h}$$

$$1600 = h$$

$$\boxed{1600 \text{ ft}}$$

$$6 = \frac{\sqrt{h}}{4}$$

$$24 = \sqrt{h}$$

$$576 = h$$

$$\boxed{576 \text{ ft}}$$