



This is called a radical symbol  
it indicates finding a root.

This is called the **Index**.  
It tells what  
root you are to find.



Nothing written here indicates  
**Square Root**.

This is called the  
**Radicand**

$4^3$	64
$4^2$	16
$4^1$	4
$4^{\frac{1}{2}}$	2
$4^0$	1

$$a^{\frac{1}{n}} = \sqrt[n]{a}$$

Rational Exponents represent  
radicals (roots)

$$4^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{4} = 2$$

$$a^{\frac{m}{n}} = \sqrt[n]{a^m} \text{ or } (\sqrt[n]{a})^m$$

Write in radical form. This is Radical Form:  $\sqrt[5]{8^5}$

1.  $W^{\frac{1}{5}}$   
 $\sqrt[5]{W}$

2.  $B^{-\frac{4}{3}}$   
 $\frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{B^4}}$  or  $\frac{1}{(\sqrt[3]{B})^4}$   
or  $\sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{B^4}}$

3.  $C^{\frac{2}{9}}$

$$\sqrt[9]{C^2}$$
  
or  $(\sqrt[9]{C})^2$

4.  $P^{2.8} = P^{\frac{28}{10}}$  or  $P^{\frac{14}{5}}$

$$\sqrt[10]{P^{28}}$$
  
or  $\sqrt[5]{P^{14}}$

Write in exponential form:

This is Exponential Form:  $a^{\frac{6}{7}}$

a.  $\sqrt[3]{G^5}$   
 $G^{\frac{5}{3}}$

b.  $\sqrt[6]{R}$   
 $R^{\frac{1}{6}}$

c.  $\sqrt{B^7}$   
 $B^{\frac{7}{2}}$

e.  $\sqrt[4]{3K}$   
 $(3K)^{\frac{1}{4}}$

d.  $5\sqrt[3]{G}$   
 $= 5(G)^{\frac{1}{3}}$   
 or  
 $= (5)G^{\frac{1}{3}}$   
 or  
 $= 5G^{\frac{1}{3}}$

Simplify. No exponents that are zero or negative.

1.  $(-8w^{-12})^{\frac{1}{3}}$

2.

$$\begin{aligned} & -8^{\frac{1}{3}} (w^{-12})^{\frac{1}{3}} \\ & \sqrt[3]{-8} \\ & -2w^{-4} \\ & = \frac{-2}{w^4} \end{aligned}$$