

# Precalculus 11 – Flashback #2

1. Evaluate:  $(\frac{27}{48})^{-3/2}$

*negative exp. law → reciprocal base*  
 $\rightarrow (\frac{48}{27})^{3/2}$

*simplify fraction*

*fractional exp. law*

$\rightarrow (\frac{16}{9})^{3/2} \rightarrow \sqrt{(\frac{16}{9})^3}$   
 $\rightarrow (\frac{4}{3})^3$   
 $\rightarrow \frac{64}{27}$

2. Evaluate  $2\sqrt[3]{8} - 4\sqrt{16}$

$2 \cdot 2 - 4 \cdot 2$   
 $4 - 8$   
 $-4$

Think

$\sqrt[3]{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2} = 2$

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3. Solve  $\sqrt{2x+7} - x = -4$ . What are the restrictions on x?

restrictions on x

$2x+7 \geq 0$

$2x \geq -7$

$x \geq -7/2$

$(2x+7)^2 = (x-4)^2$

$2x+7 = x^2 - 8x + 16$

$0 = x^2 - 10x + 9$

$0 = (x-9)(x-1)$

$\therefore x = 9$  and  $x = 1$

*extraneous*

Verify:

$\sqrt{2 \cdot 9 + 7} - 9 = -4$

$\sqrt{25} - 9 = -4$

$5 - 9 = -4 \checkmark$

$\sqrt{2 \cdot 1 + 7} - 1 = -4$

$\sqrt{9} - 1 = -4$

$3 - 1 \neq -4$

4. Factor:  $6x^2 + 22x + 20$

$2(3x^2 + 11x + 10)$

$2(3x+5)(x+2)$

	$3x$	$5$
$x$	$3x^2$	$5x$
$2$	$6x$	$10$

- 30
- 1 · 30
- 2 · 15
- 3 · 10
- 5 · 6

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→ 0, 1, 2, 3, 4

5. "All integers are whole numbers." True or False? Explain how you know.

... -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, ...



False  
because whole #s are positive or zero

6. Simplify:  $(2a^{-6}b^4)^{-3}$

*Power law*  
 $2^{-3} a^{18} b^{-12}$   
*negative exp laws*

$$\frac{a^{18}}{2^3 b^{12}}$$

*evaluate coefficient*  
 $\frac{a^{18}}{8 b^{12}}$

7. Rationalize and reduce:  $\frac{2\sqrt{8}-\sqrt{5}}{1+\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{1-\sqrt{3}}{1-\sqrt{3}}$  *Conjugate!*

$\frac{2\sqrt{8} - 2\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{5} + \sqrt{15}}{1 - \sqrt{9}}$

$\frac{4\sqrt{2} - 4\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{5} + \sqrt{15}}{-2}$

$\frac{-4\sqrt{2} + 4\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{5} - \sqrt{15}}{2}$

8. Given the function  $ax^2 + bx + c = y$ , describe what you know about this function based on the numbers in the equation.

$a=2$  → opens up  
→ congruent to  $y=2x^2$   
Stretch of 2  
→ spacing  $x-x-x$   
 $2-6-10$

*Vertex has moved vertically & horizontally*  
 $c=9$  → y-int (0, 9)

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9. Solve:  $x^2 - 6x = -10$   
 $x^2 - 6x + 10 = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} & b^2 - 4ac \\ a &= 1 \\ b &= -6 \\ c &= 10 \\ & (-6)^2 - 4(1)(10) \\ & 36 - 40 \\ & -4 \end{aligned}$$

Doesn't factor ... → so check discriminant

Because discriminant is negative → No Solution

10. Simplify:  $\sqrt{20x^5y^4}$   $\xrightarrow{x \geq 0, y \geq 0}$

$$\sqrt{4 \cdot 5 \cdot x^2 \cdot x^2 \cdot x \cdot y^2 \cdot y^2}$$

$\xrightarrow{\text{Perfect Squares}}$

$$2x^2y \sqrt{5xy}$$