

1-3 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.

$$16 \text{ [x}^2 \text{] [ENTER] } 256$$

- 3**
- Find
- $\sqrt{49}$
- .

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

- 4**
- Find
- $\sqrt{169}$
- .

$$\text{[2nd] [}\sqrt{\quad}\text{] 169 [ENTER] } 13$$

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

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

$$\text{[2nd] [}\sqrt{\quad}\text{] 144 [ENTER] } 12 \quad \text{Find the square root of 144.}$$

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 **2,025**

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**