# Perfect Squares and Square Roots

# What is a Perfect Square

► A perfect square is a number produced by multiplying the same number by itself.

### Examples:

$$1^2 = 1 \times 1 = 1$$

$$\blacktriangleright 1^2 = 1 \times 1 = 1$$
  $\blacktriangleright 4^2 = 4 \times 4 = 16$ 

$$>2^2 = 2 \times 2 = 4$$

$$5^2 = 5 \times 5 = 25$$

$$>3^2 = 3 \times 3 = 9$$

$$6^2 = 6 \times 6 = 36$$

# **Exponential Form**

Exponential form takes the number and uses a subscript to represent how many times we multiply the number by itself.

**►**Example

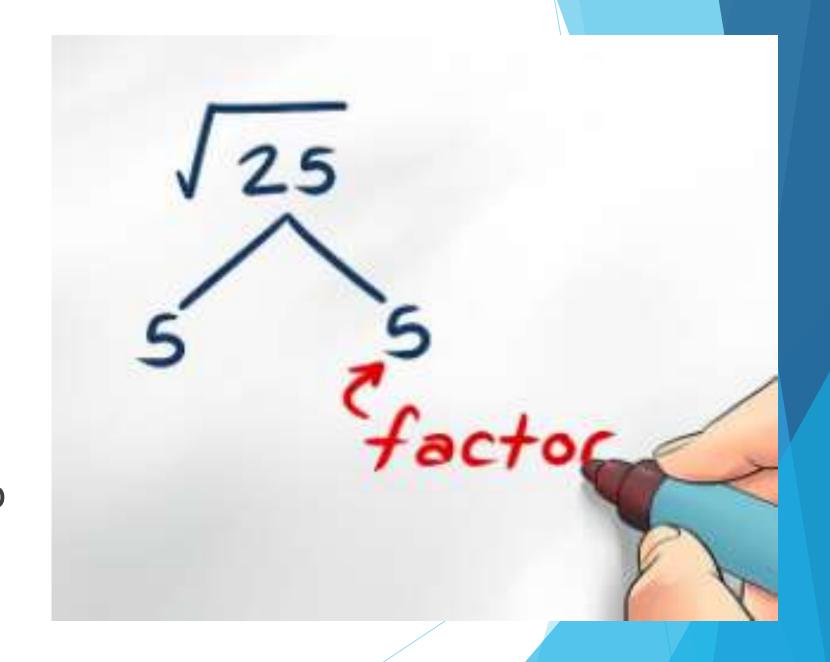
$$>2 \times 2 = 2^2$$

# **Square Roots**

- ➤ Square roots can never be of a negative number
- Square roots represented in exponential form and as a perfect square
  - $>100 = 10^2$
  - $> \sqrt{100} = 10$

Factoring to determine the answer to a square root

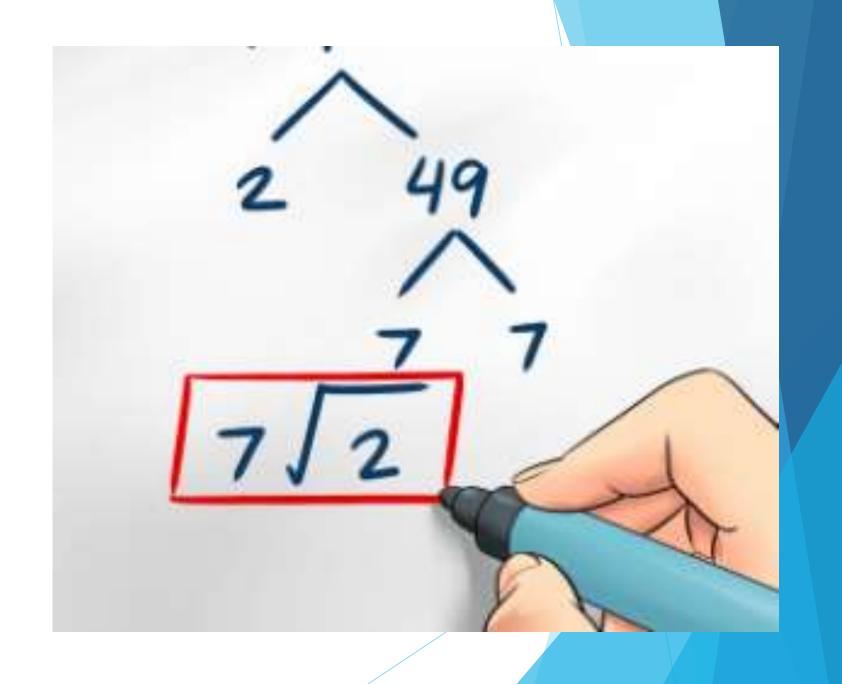
► This is an example of a perfect square, so the two factors are identical



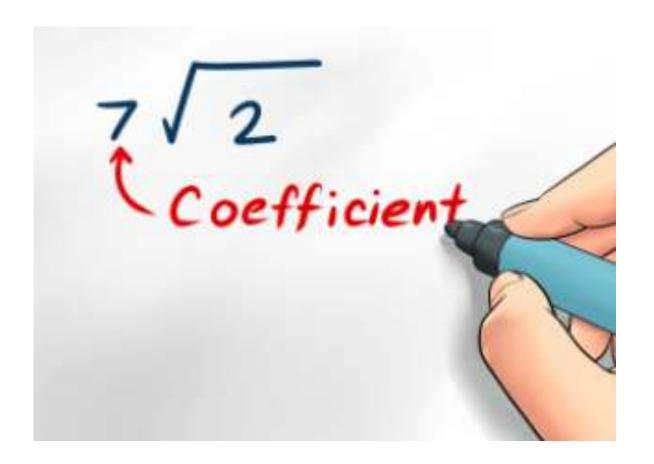
What happens when we have a imperfect square

► There will be a coefficient

► Can you identify the coefficient?



#### The coefficient is in front of the root



# **Simplify Square Roots**

# Find Perfect Square

$$\sqrt{48} = \sqrt{16} \times \sqrt{3}$$
$$= 4 \times \sqrt{3}$$
$$= 4\sqrt{3}$$

# **Find Prime Factors**

$$\sqrt{48} = \sqrt{2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 3}$$

$$= \sqrt{2 \times 2} \times \sqrt{2 \times 2} \times \sqrt{3}$$

$$= 2 \times 2 \times \sqrt{3}$$

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

$$= 4\sqrt{3}$$

# **Examples and Practice**

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