

# IM2 – 1.1 (P – aV1) Rational Exponents & Radicals Explained

N.RN.1



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**Directions** - (N.RN.1) Given the following expressions, expand the base, simplify the expression, and explain the simplification.

1. Original = Expanded = Simplified

$$512^{\frac{2}{3}} = ( \quad \quad \quad )^{\frac{2}{3}} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

Explanation: The simplified expression is \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ repeated factors resulting in a product of \_\_\_\_\_.

2.  $256^{\frac{1}{4}}$  = ( \_\_\_\_\_ )<sup>1/4</sup> = \_\_\_\_\_

Explanation: The simplified expression is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

3.  $81^{\frac{3}{4}}$  = ( \_\_\_\_\_ )<sup>3/4</sup> = \_\_\_\_\_

Explanation: The simplified expression is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

4.  $3125^{\frac{2}{5}}$  = ( \_\_\_\_\_ )<sup>2/5</sup> = \_\_\_\_\_

Explanation: The simplified expression is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

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**Directions** - (N.RN.1) Explain why the two expressions are equivalent, showing the steps for simplification.

Example:  $\sqrt[6]{4^3} = (\sqrt[6]{4})^3$   
 $\sqrt[6]{64} = (1.2599)^3 \leftarrow$  Calculator used for the 6<sup>th</sup> root of 4  
 $2 = 2$

5.  $\sqrt[4]{16^2} = (\sqrt[4]{16})^2$

6.  $\sqrt[3]{27^4} = (\sqrt[3]{27})^4$

7.  $\sqrt[3]{8^3} = (\sqrt[3]{8})^3$

8.  $\sqrt{9^3} = (\sqrt{9})^3$

9.  $\sqrt[3]{216^2} = (\sqrt[3]{216})^2$