

Notes for Section 9.1 “Exploring Square Roots” (grade 7)

$\sqrt{}$ = radical sign

$\sqrt{25} = 5$ (What # multiplied by itself gives you the number under the radical sign.)

*Remember from Grade 6:

$$-5 \cdot -5 = 25$$

$$-3 \cdot -3 = 9$$

*Then $\sqrt{49}$ could be 7 or -7 because $7 \cdot 7 = 49$ and $-7 \cdot -7 = 49$. Therefore, numbers have 2 square roots.

* $\sqrt{-81}$ Although this problem can be done, it will not happen until high school. For now, let's say that you can't take $\sqrt{}$ of a negative number. Answer will be an imaginary number.

***Show that there will be a positive and negative answer for each square root.