

**Practice Problems for Exponents, Roots, and Logarithms**  
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1 What is 40 cubed?

2 What can  $x$  be, if  $x^3 + 64 = 0$ ?

3 A number,  $u$ , has 6 added to it to produce a second number. The cube root of the second number is  $-1$ . What is  $u$ ?

4 A number,  $v$ , has 8 added to it to produce a second number. The fifth root of the second number is  $-0.3$ . What is  $v$ ?

5 A number,  $t$ , has 6 added to it to produce a second number. The cube root of the second number is  $0.4$ . What is  $t$ ?

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6 A number,  $t$ , has 8 added to it to produce a second number. The fifth root of the second number is 0.1. What is  $t$ ?

7 If  $x^2 + x = 6$ , what are the two possible values of  $x^2 - x$ ?

8 What is the square root of 2,304?

9 What is the cube root of 512,000?

10 What is the cube root of 343,000?

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11 What is 3 squared?

12 Suppose  $tx^{-1} = 8$ . What is  $t$ ?

13 What is 31 squared?

14 What is 40 squared?

15 What is 85 cubed?

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1 ANSWER: 64,000

2 ANSWER: -4. EXPLANATION: The number whose cube is 64 is 4. Because  $x^3$  must be negative,  $x$  must also be negative.

3 ANSWER: -7. EXPLANATION: The second number is -1 cubed, or -1. This is 6 greater than  $u$ , so we subtract to get the answer.

4 ANSWER: -8.00243. EXPLANATION: The second number is -0.3 to the fifth power, or -0.00243. This is 8 greater than  $v$ , so we subtract to get the answer.

5 ANSWER: -5.936. EXPLANATION: The second number is 0.4 cubed, or 0.064. This is 6 greater than  $t$ , so we subtract to get the answer.

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6 ANSWER: -7.99999. EXPLANATION: The second number is 0.1 to the fifth power, or 0.00001. This is 8 greater than  $t$ , so we subtract to get the answer.

7 ANSWER: 2 and -3. EXPLANATION: You can factor  $x^2 + x$  to be  $x(x+1)$ . These are consecutive integers that multiply to a product of 6. The first two such integers that come to mind are 2 and 3, and of course, -3 and -2 form the other solution.

8 ANSWER: 2401

9 ANSWER: 8,100

10 ANSWER: 3,375

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11 ANSWER: 9

12 ANSWER:  $8x^1$ . EXPLANATION: The expression  $x^{-1}$  means  $1/(x^1)$ . If we multiply this by  $x^1$ , the two cancel each other, and we need only multiply by 8 to equal the number on the right side of the equation.

13 ANSWER: 961

14 ANSWER: 1,600

15 ANSWER: 614,125