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Part 1: Building a Foundation

What is a radical expression?

Hint: Think about the definition of expressions involving roots.

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Hint: Consider the rules that govern operations with radicals.

- A) Product Property: $\sqrt{a} \times \sqrt{b} = \sqrt{ab}$

- B) Quotient Property: $\sqrt{\frac{a}{b}} = \frac{\sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{b}}$
- C) Sum Property: $\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} = \sqrt{a+b}$
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Which of the following are properties of radicals? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Consider the rules for manipulating radicals.

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Explain why it is necessary to simplify radical expressions. Provide at least two reasons.

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Part 2: comprehension and Application

Which of the following expressions is the simplest form of $\sqrt{50}$?

Hint: Look for the expression that has no radicals in the denominator.

- A) $5\sqrt{2}$
- B) $10\sqrt{5}$
- C) $2\sqrt{25}$
- D) $\sqrt{5}$

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Hint: Consider the process of combining radical expressions.

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Hint: Remember the product property of radicals.

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- B) 6
- C) $3\sqrt{4}$
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Part 3: Analysis, Evaluation, and Creation

Which of the following statements is true about the expression $\sqrt{a^2 b}$?

Hint: Consider how to simplify expressions involving variables.

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Hint: Think about how to simplify each radical separately.

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- B) $2\sqrt{8} - \sqrt{8}$

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- D) $\sqrt{24}$

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Evaluate the following expression and explain your reasoning: $\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}$. Rationalize the denominator and provide a step-by-step explanation.

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Create a real-world problem that involves simplifying a radical expression. Solve the problem and explain your reasoning.

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Hint: Think about practical applications of radicals.