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Part 1: Foundational Knowledge

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Hint: Think about expressions that involve roots.

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Part 2: comprehension

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Part 3: Application

Simplify the expression $\sqrt{72}$.

Hint: Consider the factors of 72.

- $6\sqrt{2}$
 $8\sqrt{3}$

- $4\sqrt{3}$
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Part 4: Analysis

Which of the following statements about radicals is true?

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Analyze the expression $\sqrt{a^2 * b}$ and determine which steps are necessary for simplification.

Hint: Think about how to handle the variables under the radical.

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Part 5: Evaluation and Creation

Which of the following is the most efficient method for simplifying $\sqrt{200}$?

Hint: Consider the factors of 200 that are perfect squares.

- Factor 200 into $2 * 100$
- Factor 200 into $4 * 50$
- Factor 200 into $10 * 20$
- Factor 200 into $25 * 8$

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Create a real-world problem that involves simplifying a radical expression. Provide a solution to your problem, explaining each step.

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