

Y13 negative and fractional powers #2

Write without using negatives or fractional exponents:

1. $x^{\frac{1}{3}}$

2. $x^{-\frac{1}{4}}$

3. $x^{\frac{5}{2}}$

4. $8x^{-2}$

Write in the form ax^n where a and n can be fractional and/or negative:

5. $\sqrt{16x^5}$

6. $\frac{2}{\sqrt{x}}$

7. $4(\sqrt[3]{x})^5$

8. $\frac{7}{x\sqrt{x}}$

Simplify and write in the form x^n :

9. $\frac{x}{\frac{1}{x^2}}$

10. $x(x^{-2})^2$

11. $\frac{x^2}{\sqrt{x}}$

12. $\frac{\sqrt[4]{x}}{x}$

Of the four terms which, if any, is different from the others?

13. $x^{1.5}$ $\frac{x^2}{\sqrt{x}}$ $\sqrt[2]{x^3}$ $\frac{\frac{1}{x^2}}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}}$

14. $\sqrt[4]{x}$ $\frac{\sqrt{x}}{\sqrt[4]{x}}$ $\sqrt{\sqrt{x}}$ $x^{0.4}$

15. $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$ $\frac{\sqrt{x}}{x}$ $x^{-0.5}$ $(\sqrt{x})^{-1}$

16. $(\sqrt[3]{x})x$ $x^{\frac{4}{3}}$ $\frac{x^2}{\sqrt[3]{x^2}}$ $\sqrt[3]{x^4}$

Answers: Y13 negative and fractional powers #2

Write without using negatives or fractional exponents:

- $x^{\frac{1}{3}} = \sqrt[3]{x}$
- $x^{-\frac{1}{4}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{x}}$
- $x^{\frac{5}{2}} = \sqrt{x^5}$ or, less usually, $(\sqrt{x})^5$
- $8x^{-2} = \frac{8}{x^2}$

Write in the form ax^n where a and n can be fractional and/or negative:

- $\sqrt{16x^5} = 4x^{\frac{5}{2}}$ or $4x^{2.5}$
- $\frac{2}{\sqrt{x}} = 2x^{-0.5}$ or $2x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$
- $4(\sqrt[3]{x})^5 = 4x^{\frac{5}{3}}$
- $\frac{7}{x\sqrt{x}} = 7x^{-\frac{3}{2}}$ or $7x^{-1.5}$

Simplify and write in the form x^n :

- $\frac{x}{\frac{1}{x^2}} = x^3$
- $x(x^{-2})^2 = x^{-3}$
- $\frac{x^2}{\sqrt{x}} = x^{\frac{3}{2}}$ or $x^{1.5}$
- $\frac{\sqrt[4]{x}}{x} = x^{-0.75}$ or $x^{-\frac{3}{4}}$

Of the four terms which, if any, is different from the others?

- $x^{1.5}$ $\frac{x^2}{\sqrt{x}}$ $\sqrt[2]{x^3}$ are the same but $\frac{\frac{1}{x^2}}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}} = x^{-1.5}$
- $\sqrt[4]{x}$ $\frac{\sqrt{x}}{\sqrt[4]{x}}$ $\sqrt{\sqrt{x}}$ are all $= x^{0.25}$, so $x^{0.4}$ is different
- $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$ $\frac{\sqrt{x}}{x}$ $x^{-0.5}$ $(\sqrt{x})^{-1}$ are all the same
- $(\sqrt[3]{x})x$ $x^{\frac{4}{3}}$ $\frac{x^2}{\sqrt[3]{x^2}}$ $\sqrt[3]{x^4}$ are all the same