

# 1.6

## Square Roots

► **GOAL:** Estimate and calculate the square root of a whole number.

1. Use mental math to calculate each square root.

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| a) $\sqrt{9} =$ _____  | e) $\sqrt{81} =$ _____   |
| b) $\sqrt{25} =$ _____ | f) $\sqrt{121} =$ _____  |
| c) $\sqrt{49} =$ _____ | g) $\sqrt{400} =$ _____  |
| d) $\sqrt{64} =$ _____ | h) $\sqrt{3600} =$ _____ |

2. Estimate each square root to one decimal place. The first one is done for you.

- a)  $\sqrt{15}$   
 $3 \times 3 = 9$ , and  $4 \times 4 = 16$ , so  $3.9 \times 3.9 \approx 15$   
 $\sqrt{15} \doteq 3.9$

(The  $\doteq$  symbol means "approximately equal.")

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| b) $\sqrt{65}$ | e) $\sqrt{10}$ |
| c) $\sqrt{24}$ | f) $\sqrt{35}$ |

d)  $\sqrt{102}$

3. Calculate each square root using a calculator. Round to three decimal places.

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| a) $\sqrt{19} =$ _____ | c) $\sqrt{85} =$ _____  | e) $\sqrt{737} =$ _____ |
| b) $\sqrt{33} =$ _____ | d) $\sqrt{138} =$ _____ | f) $\sqrt{488} =$ _____ |

4. A square field has an area of  $625 \text{ m}^2$ . What are its dimensions?

### At-Home Help

A **square root** is one of two equal factors of a number. For example, the square root of 100 is represented as  $\sqrt{100}$  and is equal to 10, because  $10 \times 10$  or  $10^2 = 100$ .

If you have a TI-15 calculator, use this key sequence to calculate the square root of 100:

$\sqrt{\square}$  100  $\square$   $\square$   $\square$

If you have a different kind of calculator, use this key sequence:

100  $\sqrt{\square}$