

Parent Guide to the

# **Radicals and Rational Exponents**

### Today's Standard

HSN.RN.A2 - Rewrite expressions involving radicals and rational exponents using the properties of exponents.

## Real-World Applications for this Standard

Simplifying scientific notation in chemistry; Calculating interest rates in finance; Engineering calculations involving roots; Physics formulas with exponents; Computer algorithms involving power functions

#### Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to rewrite math problems that have square roots and fractions in the exponents. This helps us solve harder math problems later on.

## **Common Stumbling Blocks**

Sometimes, kids mix up the rules for adding and multiplying exponents. They might also think the rules change for negative or fraction exponents, but they don't.

#### Quiz Me

- What is a radical?
- What is an exponent?
- How do you add exponents?
- How do you multiply exponents?
- Can you change a square root to an exponent?

## Help Me

When you see a math problem with a square root or a fraction in the exponent, you can use special rules to make it simpler. For example, in science, you might need to use these rules to understand how chemicals react!