

◆ 1. Powers (Exponents)

A **power** shows how many times a number is multiplied by itself.

👉 Square (2)

- A number multiplied by itself.

- Example:

$$5^2 = 5 \times 5 = 25$$

👉 Cube (3)

- A number multiplied by itself **twice**.

- Example:

$$2^3 = 2 \times 2 \times 2 = 8$$

👉 Other Powers

- Any number raised to another exponent.

- Example:

$$3^4 = 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 = 81$$

◆ 2. Roots

A **root** finds the original number before it was raised to a power.

👉 Square Root ($\sqrt{}$)

- The number which when squared gives the original number.

- Example:

$$\sqrt{36} = 6 \text{ because } 6^2 = 36$$

👉 Cube Root ($\sqrt[3]{}$)

- The number which when cubed gives the original number.

- Example:

$$\sqrt[3]{27} = 3 \text{ because } 3^3 = 27$$

👉 Other Roots

- Example:

$$\sqrt[4]{81} = 3 \text{ because } 3^4 = 81$$

◆ 3. Calculator Tips

- Use x^2 for squaring.
- Use $\sqrt{}$ for square root.
- Use $^{\wedge}$ or x^y for other powers.
- Use a special root function or $x^{(1/n)}$ for nth roots.

◆ 4. Examples

Expression	Meaning	Answer
4^2	Square of 4	16
$\sqrt{49}$	Square root of 49	7
5^3	Cube of 5	125
$\sqrt[3]{64}$	Cube root of 64	4
2^5	2 raised to the power of 5	32
$81^{1/4}$	4th root of 81	3