

The Imaginary number i.

**Definition**

$\sqrt{-1} = i$  and  $i^2 = -1$ .

**Simplify**

①  $3\sqrt{-4}$   
 $3\sqrt{-1(4)}$   
 $3\sqrt{-1} \cdot \sqrt{4}$   
 $3i \cdot 2$   
 $3 \cdot 2i$   
 $6i$

②  $\sqrt{-45}$   
 $\sqrt{-1(45)}$   
 $\sqrt{-1} \cdot \sqrt{9 \cdot 5}$   
 $3i\sqrt{5}$

③  $(2i)^2 = 2^2 \cdot i^2 = 4 \cdot (-1) = -4$

④  $\sqrt{-25} = 5i$

Now we we don't say 'no solution' when we take the square root (or any even root) of a negative. We use "i"

**Shortcut:** When

you have a square root of a negative, you deal with it normally but put an "i" on it after.

**Simplify**

⑤  $\sqrt{-16} - \sqrt{-49}$   
 $4i - 7i$   
 $-3i$

Note: When simplifying, you treat i like a variable, so you can CLT

**Simplify**

**Example**

⑥  $(-3i\sqrt{6})^2$   
 $(-3i\sqrt{6})(-3i\sqrt{6})$   
 $-3 \cdot (-3) i^2 \cdot \sqrt{6} \cdot \sqrt{6}$   
 $9 \cdot (-1) \cdot 6$   
 $-54$

⑦  $\frac{8 \cdot i}{3i \cdot i}$   
 $\frac{8i}{3i^2}$   
 $\frac{8i}{-3}$

you rationalize the denominator in the same way you do with radicals.

$-\frac{8i}{3}$

**Simplify**

**Example**

⑧  $2\sqrt{-24} \cdot (-\sqrt{-50})$   
 $2i\sqrt{4 \cdot 6} \cdot (-i\sqrt{25 \cdot 2})$   
 $2 \cdot 2i\sqrt{6} \cdot (-5i\sqrt{2})$   
 $4 \cdot (-5) i^2 \sqrt{6} \cdot \sqrt{2}$   
 $-20(-1)(\sqrt{12})$   
 $20\sqrt{4 \cdot 3}$   
 $20 \cdot 2\sqrt{3}$   
 $40\sqrt{3}$

- ① Reduce Rads.
- ② Multiply
- ③ Repeat