Exercise 24

Radicals and Exponents Evaluate each expression.

(a)
$$2\sqrt[3]{81}$$

(b)
$$\frac{\sqrt{18}}{\sqrt{25}}$$

(c)
$$\sqrt{\frac{12}{49}}$$

Solution

Part (a)

Since the root is 3, it takes three of the same number to move out of it.

$$2\sqrt[3]{81} = 2\sqrt[3]{3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3}$$
$$= 2(3)\sqrt[3]{3}$$
$$= 6\sqrt[3]{3}$$

Part (b)

The root is 2, so it takes two of the same number to move out of it.

$$\frac{\sqrt{18}}{\sqrt{25}} = \frac{\sqrt{2 \times 3 \times 3}}{\sqrt{5 \times 5}}$$
$$= \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{5}$$

Part (c)

The root is 2, so it takes two of the same number to move out of it.

$$\sqrt{\frac{12}{49}} = \frac{\sqrt{12}}{\sqrt{49}}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{2 \times 2 \times 3}}{\sqrt{7 \times 7}}$$

$$= \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{7}$$