

Algebra I
Lesson 1.5 – Square Roots and Real Numbers
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Mariana is getting a small kennel for her new puppy to stay in. The kennel she bought says it is **9 square feet**. What does this mean? How much floor space does she need? That is, what are the dimensions of the kennel? Let's assume that the kennel has a square base.

Well, how do we tackle this? *Draw a picture?* Yes! Draw a square and label it as 9 ft^2 . To solve this we need to work backwards. What number times itself equals 9 ?????

What we did to solve this problem was to take the **square root** of 9 . A number that is multiplied by itself to form a product is called a **square root** of the product. *Here 3 is the square root of 9.* The symbol for square root is: $\sqrt{\quad}$ so: $\sqrt{9} = 3$

Inverse operations: Squaring a number and finding a square root are inverse operations. *The square root undoes the squaring.*

You must memorize the following table of **perfect squares** – a number whose positive square root is a whole number.

0	1	4	9	16	25	36	49	64	81	100
0^2	1^2	2^2	3^2	4^2	5^2	6^2	7^2	8^2	9^2	10^2


Simplify:

$\sqrt{49} =$

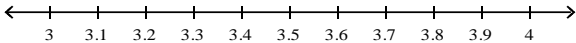
$\sqrt{25} =$

$\sqrt{9} =$

$\sqrt{36} =$

$\sqrt{11} =$ 

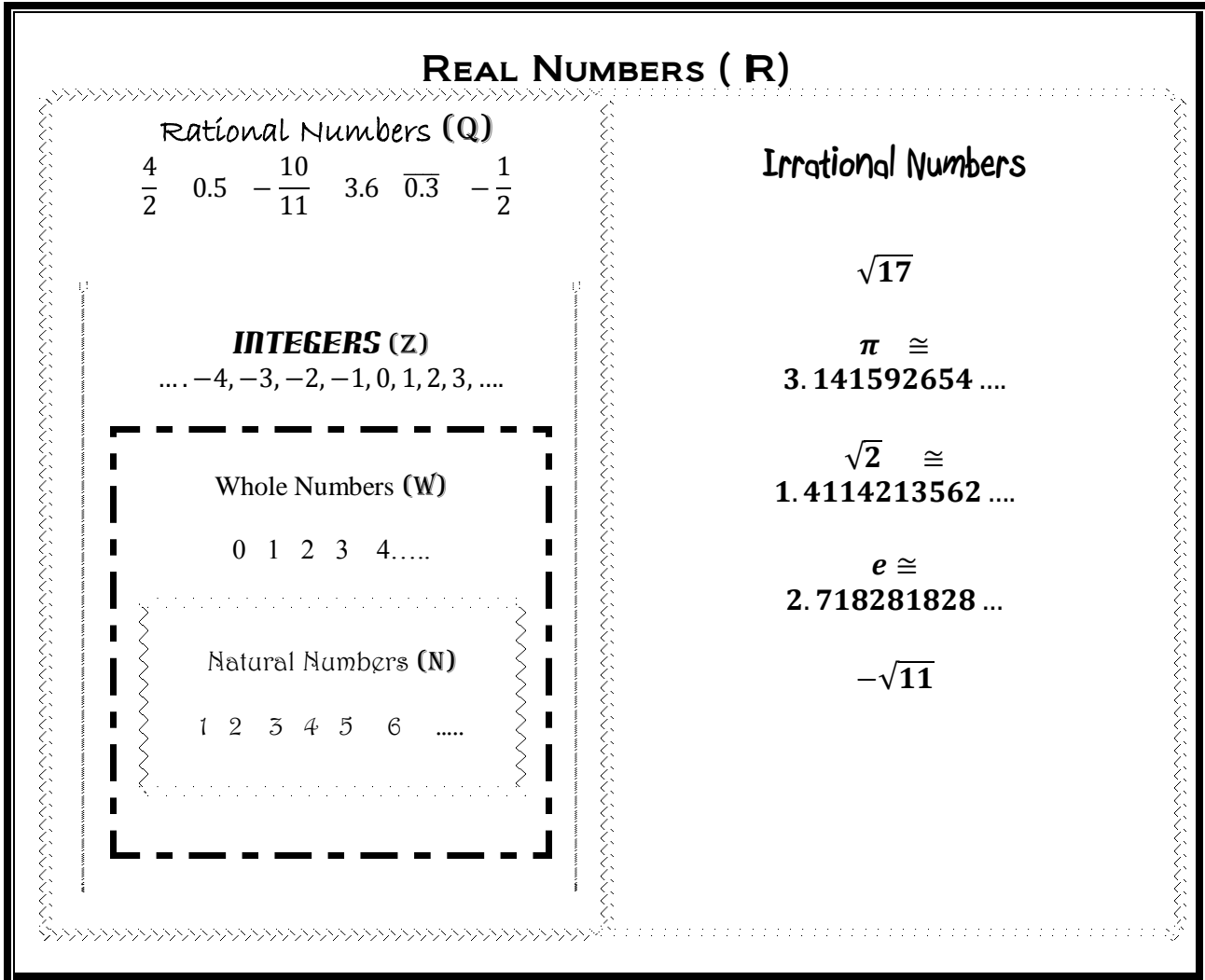
In the case of $\sqrt{11}$ there are two options. First we can estimate. Second, to have an exact answer we leave it as $\sqrt{11}$. **LEAVE AS AN EXACT ANSWERS UNLESS YOU ARE TOLD TO ESTIMATE!**

<p>So estimate the value of $\sqrt{11}$ to the nearest 10th</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> $\sqrt{9} \qquad \sqrt{11} \qquad \sqrt{16}$ $\sqrt{9} < \sqrt{11} < \sqrt{16}$ </div>  <p>Ans: $\sqrt{11} \approx 3.3$</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Find the perfect squares that are less than and greater than your number 2. Plot out on a number line. 3. Guess to find numbers that might be close $3.3^2 = 10.89$ $3.4^2 = 11.56$ 11 is closer to 10.89
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Lady Bird Wildflower center sells bags of wildflower seeds. The bag says it will cover 19 ft^2 . What approximate size square shaped area will Sara need to plant these seeds? Estimate to the nearest tenth of a foot.

Real Numbers: All numbers that can be located on the number line are called **real numbers**.

YOU NEED TO LEARN, OK, MEMORIZE AND UNDERSTAND THESE RELATIONSHIPS!!!



Natural numbers: counting numbers

Whole numbers: counting numbers plus 0

Integers: whole numbers and negatives

Rational numbers: can be expressed as a fraction or a ratio; $\frac{a}{b}$ *a and b are integers but b ≠ 0*

Terminating decimals: a rational number expressed as a decimal and the decimal terminates: 2.34, 5.2

Repeating decimal: a rational expressed as a decimal and the decimal repeats: 2.414141 $\overline{41}$. 0.3333 $\overline{3}$

Irrational number: cannot be expressed as a fraction, it cannot be written as an exact number: $\sqrt{2}$, π
(they just go crazy or irrational!)

List all classifications that apply to each real number:

14

-5

$\sqrt{3}$

0.5

$\frac{3}{4}$

0.33333 (this is equal to?)