Unit: Real Number System
Student Handout 4

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## RATIONAL VS. IRRATIONAL NUMBERS

Mrs. Mayo wrote a few examples of rational and irrational values on the board. Record any observations and predictions about what might make a value "rational" or "irrational."

RATIONAL 15, 10.6,  $\frac{3}{7}$ 

• Rational:

IRRATIONAL  $2\pi$ , 5.621...,  $\sqrt{85}$ 

• Irrational:

The definitions below can help us classify any real number as rational or irrational.

RATIONAL NUMBERS	IRRATIONAL NUMBERS		
Can be written as a	Cannot be written as a		
• & decimals	•&decimals		
Square roots ofsquares	• Square roots ofsquares		

Classify each given value as rational or irrational. Explain your choice in the last column.

VALUE	RATIONAL OR IRRATIONAL?	EXPLANATION
- 12		
π		
0.6		
7 8		
0.123456		
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Practice identifying rational and irrational numbers with the questions below.

- 1. Joseph wants to find the side length of a square that has an area of 150 square feet. Should his answer be rational or irrational? Explain.
- 2. Which value(s) from the following list of numbers is not a rational number? Explain.

8.224, 
$$\frac{5}{q}$$
,  $\sqrt{25}$ , 0. $\overline{321}$ ,  $\sqrt{30}$ 

- 3. Brad converted  $\frac{5}{11}$  to a decimal, and his result was a repeating decimal. Does this mean that the value is rational or irrational? Explain your answer.
- 4. Classify each value as rational or irrational:
- a. 3.4567 \_\_\_\_\_
- b. 3.4567...
- c. 3.456<del>7</del>\_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Four students wrote the following expressions. Circle the name of any student who wrote an expression with a rational value.

CAROLYN

$$6 + \sqrt{30}$$

ANTONIO

$$\sqrt{6 + 30}$$

HUNTER

$$\sqrt{6}$$
 +  $\sqrt{30}$ 

BELLA

$$\sqrt{36} + \sqrt{36}$$

Give an example of each of the following:

- 6. A rational number between 11 and 12:
- 7. An irrational value less than 0:

8. A square root that is rational:

9. An irrational number greater than 10:

Summarize today's lesson: