

4.6 Complex Numbers

Solutions

Write each expression as a complex number in the form, $a + bi$.

1.

$$\begin{aligned}-3 + \sqrt{-4} &= -3 + \sqrt{-1 \cdot 4} \\&= -3 + \sqrt{-1} \cdot \sqrt{4} \\&= -3 + i \cdot 2 \\&= \boxed{-3 + 2i}\end{aligned}$$

2.

$$5 + \sqrt{-9}$$

3.

$$\begin{aligned}10 - \sqrt{-10} &= 10 - \sqrt{-1 \cdot 10} \\&= 10 - \sqrt{-1} \cdot \sqrt{10} \\&= \boxed{10 - i \cdot \sqrt{10}}\end{aligned}$$

4.

$$3 - \sqrt{-7}$$

5.

$$\begin{aligned}2 + \sqrt{-45} &= 2 + \sqrt{-1 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5} \\&= 2 + \sqrt{-1} \cdot \sqrt{3^2} \cdot \sqrt{5} \\&= 2 + i \cdot 3 \cdot \sqrt{5} \\&= \boxed{2 + 3i\sqrt{5}}\end{aligned}$$

6.

$$-2 - \sqrt{-27}$$

7.

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{-80} &= \sqrt{-1 \cdot 2^4 \cdot 5} \\&= \sqrt{-1} \cdot \sqrt{2^4} \cdot \sqrt{5} \\&= i \cdot 2^2 \cdot \sqrt{5} \\&= \boxed{4i\sqrt{5}}\end{aligned}$$

8.

$$\sqrt{-200}$$

Answers: 1. $-3 + 2i$; 3. $10 - i\sqrt{10}$; 5. $2 + 3i\sqrt{5}$; 7. $4i\sqrt{5}$

Simplify each expression. Write your answer in the form, $a + bi$.

9. $(4 + 5i) + (3 + 2i)$

$$= 4 + 3 + 5i + 2i$$

$$\boxed{= 7 + 7i}$$

10. $(7 + 2i) + (4 + 3i)$

11. $(6 + 3i) - (2 + 4i)$

$$= (6 + 3i) + -(2 + 4i)$$

$$= 6 + 3i + -2 + -4i$$

$$= 6 + -2 + 3i + -4i$$

$$\boxed{= 4 - i}$$

12. $(5 - 5i) - (3 + i)$

13. $(5 - 6i)(2 + i)$

$$= 10 + 5i - 12i - 6i^2$$

$$= 10 - 7i - 6(-1)$$

$$= 10 - 7i + 6$$

$$\boxed{= 16 - 7i}$$

14. $(2 - 3i)(3 - 4i)$

15. $(5 - 6i)(5 + 6i)$

$$= 25 + 30i - 30i - 36i^2$$

$$= 25 - 36(-1)$$

$$= 25 + 36$$

$$\boxed{= 61}$$

16. $(4 + 3i)(4 - 3i)$

17. $(1 - 2i)^2$

$$= (1 - 2i)(1 - 2i)$$

$$= 1 - 2i - 2i + 4i^2$$

$$= 1 - 4i + 4(-1)$$

$$= 1 - 4i - 4$$

$$\boxed{= -3 - 4i}$$

18. $(3 + i)^2$

Answers: **9.** $7 + 7i$; **11.** $4 - i$; **13.** $16 - 7i$; **15.** 61 ; **17.** $-3 - 4i$

Simplify each expression. Write your answer in the form, $a + bi$.

19.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{3}{2i} \cdot \frac{i}{i} &= \frac{3i}{2i^2} = \frac{3i}{2(-1)} \\ &= \frac{3i}{-2} = \boxed{-\frac{3}{2}i}\end{aligned}$$

20.

$$-\frac{5}{3i}$$

21.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{6}{2+i} \cdot \frac{2-i}{2-i} &= \frac{6(2-i)}{(2+i)(2-i)} \\ &= \frac{12-6i}{4-2i+2i-i^2} = \frac{12-6i}{4-(-1)} \\ &= \frac{12-6i}{4+1} = \frac{12-6i}{5} = \boxed{\frac{12}{5}-\frac{6}{5}i}\end{aligned}$$

22.

$$\frac{9}{2-2i}$$

23.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{5-i}{4-3i} \cdot \frac{4+3i}{4+3i} &= \frac{(5-i)(4+3i)}{(4-3i)(4+3i)} \\ &= \frac{20+15i-4i-3i^2}{16+12i-12i-9i^2} = \frac{20+11i-3(-1)}{16-9(-1)} \\ &= \frac{20+11i+3}{16+9} = \frac{23+11i}{25} = \boxed{\frac{23}{25}+\frac{11}{25}i}\end{aligned}$$

24.

$$\frac{4+2i}{1-5i}$$

25.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1+i}{1-i} \cdot \frac{1+i}{1+i} &= \frac{(1+i)(1+i)}{(1-i)(1+i)} \\ &= \frac{1+i+i+i^2}{1+i-i-i^2} = \frac{1+2i+(-1)}{1-(-1)} \\ &= \frac{2i}{1+1} = \frac{2i}{2} = \boxed{i}\end{aligned}$$

26.

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

Answers: **19.** $-\frac{3}{2}i$; **21.** $\frac{12}{5}-\frac{6}{5}i$; **23.** $\frac{23}{25}+\frac{11}{25}i$; **25.** i

Simplify.

27. $i^{12} = (i^4)^3 = 1^3 = \boxed{1}$

28. i^{13}

29. $i^{50} = i^{48} \cdot i^2$
 $= (i^4)^{12} \cdot i^2$
 $= 1^{12} \cdot (-1)$
 $= 1 \cdot (-1)$
 $= -1$

30. i^{81}

31. $(3i)^4 = 3^4 \cdot i^4$
 $= 81 \cdot 1$
 $= \boxed{81}$

32. $(2i)^5$

Answers: 27. 1; 29. -1; 31. 81