

Approximating Square Roots of Numbers you don't know.

- 1. Identify perfect squares above and below that number and take their square roots**
- 2. The square root of that number is between the square root of those 2 perfect squares**
- 3. Take the midpoint of those 2 perfect squares and square that number**
- 4. If that number is not close enough, take the midpoint of that number and the larger perfect square.**

Approximate the $\sqrt{7}$

The $\sqrt{7}$ is between the $\sqrt{4}$ and the $\sqrt{9}$

$$\sqrt{4} = 2$$

$\sqrt{7} \rightarrow \therefore$ is between 2 and 3, try 2.5

$$\sqrt{9} = 3$$

$2.5 \times 2.5 = 6.25$, that less than 7, try about halfway between 2.5 and 3; 2.7

$2.7 \times 2.7 = 7.29$ so the answer is approximately a little less than 2.7

Approximate the $\sqrt{3}$

The $\sqrt{3}$ is between the $\sqrt{1}$ and the $\sqrt{4}$

$$\sqrt{1} = 1$$

$\sqrt{3} = \rightarrow$ is between 1 and 2, try 1.5

$$\sqrt{4} = 2$$

$1.5 \times 1.5 = 2.25$, that's less than 3, try about halfway between 1.5 and 2, try 1.7

$1.7 \times 1.7 = 2.89$, so the answer is approximately a little more than 1.7

Approximate the $\sqrt{52}$

The $\sqrt{52}$ is between the $\sqrt{49}$ and the $\sqrt{64}$

$$\sqrt{49} = 7$$

$$\sqrt{52} = \rightarrow \text{is between 7 and 8, try 7.5}$$

$$\sqrt{64} = 8$$

$7.5 \times 7.5 = 56.25$, that's greater than 52, try halfway between 7.5 and 7, try 7.2

$7.2 \times 7.2 = 51.89$, so the answer is a little more than 7.2