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Do Now

Are the following polynomials? Yes or No?

Remember **polynomials have terms whose **variables** have **exponents** that are **whole numbers**. The exponents may **NOT** be fractions, decimals or negative numbers. A polynomial can **NOT** have a variable in the denominator (because the exponent is really negative).

Ex's: Polynomials: -4, p, $5m^3$, $-2ab^3c$, $2n$, x^3 , $4a^4b^3$, 7 NOT polynomials: $p^{2.4}$, 2^x , \sqrt{x} , $\frac{5}{g^2}$, $\frac{4}{3x}$, $-3x^{-4}$
 \downarrow
 $x^{\frac{1}{2}}$ $5g^{-2}$

1) $3x^{\frac{1}{2}}$

NO! B/c the exponent is a fraction & not a whole #

4) $2x^{-3}$

NO! B/c the exponent is a neg # & not a whole #

is neg. so you take it out from the denominator
 $\frac{1}{x^{-2}}$

2) $\frac{1}{x^2 - 1}$

NO! B/c the exponent is negative & not a whole #

* Can't have a variable in the denominator (it's a neg exponent)

5) $\sqrt{3}x \cdot \sqrt{3} \cdot x^1$

yes! B/c the exponent is a whole #

3) $-3x^2$

yes! B/c the exponent is a whole #

6) $3\sqrt{x} \rightarrow x^{\frac{1}{2}}$

NO! B/c the exponent is a fraction and not a whole #

* Can't have an 'x' under a $\sqrt{\quad}$ sign