

## Applications of Radical Equations

Scientists use the Beaufort wind scale to approximate wind speed. The formula is

$B = 1.69\sqrt{s + 4.45} - 3.49$ , where  $B$  is the Beaufort number and  $s$  is the wind speed in miles per hour. To the nearest mile per hour, what is the approximate wind speed if the Beaufort number is 6 ?

Mr. Johnson bought a conical camping tent for his 2 daughters. The radius of the circular base of the tent measures 4.5 ft, and the tent's lateral surface area is  $110.6 \text{ ft}^2$ . Use the formula  $S = \pi r \sqrt{r^2 + h^2}$ , where  $S$  is the lateral surface area and  $r$  is the radius, to find the height,  $h$ , of the tent, to the nearest tenth of a foot.

(Note:  $\pi \approx 3.14$ )