

# Math Diversion Problem 523

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There still remains one point to be cleared up. One of the most fundamental questions has not been settled as yet: does an inertial system exist? We have learned something about the laws of nature, their invariance with respect to Lorentz transformation, and their validity for all inertial systems moving uniformly relative to each other. We have the laws but we do not know the frame to which to refer them.  
— Albert Einstein  
(Hilarious!)

The YouTube video is found at:

Source: [https://www.youtube.com/shorts/et7\\_N2S79xU](https://www.youtube.com/shorts/et7_N2S79xU)  
Title: How fast can you crack this ricky SAT question?  
Presenter: Your SAT Coach

## 1 The Problem

Given the relation

$$2 = p^3, \tag{1}$$

find the value of  $8p$ . Choices:

- A)  $p^6$
- B)  $p^8$
- C)  $p^{10}$
- D)  $8\sqrt{2}$

## 2 The Solution

The straightforward solving of (1) gives

$$p = 2^{1/3} . \tag{2}$$

Therefore,

$$8p = 8\sqrt[3]{2} , \tag{3}$$

which clearly eliminates Choice D). Observing the rest of the choices, it's clear that we are to find the solution in the form  $p^n$  for  $n \in \{6, 8, 10\}$ . So,

$$8p = 8 \cdot 2^{1/3} = 2^3 \cdot 2^{1/3} = 2^{10/3} = (2^{1/3})^{10} = p^{10} . \tag{4}$$

So the answer is C).