CUBE CONFUSION!
Does a^3 mean a multiplied twice or thrice?

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THRICE!	TWICE!
The result of multiplying a number, quantity or expression by itself three times. **Source:** Collins Dictionary of Mathematics. P.129 Harper Collins Publishers 2012	the product of a number multiplied by itself twice **Source:** Merriam-Webster Dictionary, An Encyclopedia Britannica Company http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/cube
To multiply a number or a quantity by itself three times **Source:** The American Heritage® Science Dictionary http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/cube	the cube of a number is the larger number that is the result of multiplying the number by itself twice **Source:** Macmillan Dictionary http://macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/cube
…itself three times **Source:** A Tour of the Calculus	the result of multiplying a number by itself twice **Source:** Kernerman English Multilingual Dictionary http://www.thefreedictionary.com/cube
Cube: When a number is… multiplied by itself three times. **Source:** G Is for Googol: A Math Alphabet Book. P.55 David M. Schwartz, Marissa Moss. Tricycle Press. 1998	to determine the result of multiplying by itself twice **Source:** Wiktionary.org http://www.wiktionary.org/wiki/cube
In 2^3, 2 is multiplied by itself three times **Source:** Mathematics. P.174 Mohina Dar, Sunita Jaisingh Amity University Press 2010	When a number is multiplied by itself two times, we get the cube of the number. **Source:** Modern School Mathematics Book 5. P.30 Lalitha Gopal. Sangam Books 2003
Cube Root: … to find a number that when multiplied by itself three times gives the number... **Source:** How To Use A Chinese Abacus. P.123 Paul Green. Createspace. 2012	In the expression 5^3, the 3 is the exponent and indicates that 5 is multiplied by itself twice. **Source:** GED Math (GED Test Prep) P.79 Learning Express Editors. Learning Express. 2008
x^3 …means x multiplied by itself three times. **Source:** The Calculus Direct P.34 John Weiss. CreateSpace 2010	

The **cube root** of a number is the number that, when multiplied by itself three times, equals the given number; **Source:** Math Review. P.2 Bar Charts Inc. 2012	...a cube is the product of a number multiplied by itself twice. **Source:** Math Magic: How to Master Everyday Math Problems P.144 Scott Flansburg, Victoria Hay. William Morrow Paperbacks. 2004
a number multiplied by itself three times. **Source:** Vocabulary.com http://vocabulary.com/dictionary/cube	If you cube a number, you multiply it twice by itself **Source:** Cambridge Dictionaries Online http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/cube_4
a number… multiplied by itself three times **Source:** Wordsmyth http://wordsmyth.net/?level=3&ent_|=cube	The product of a number multiplied by itself twice **Source:** Oxford English Dictionary P.198 Paperback Edition Oxford University Press 2002
When a number is multiplied by itself three times, it is *cubed*. **Source:** Painless Algebra. Lynette Long. P.221 Barron's Educational Series. 2011	Cube: to multiply a number or quantity by itself twice **Source:** Encarta Dictionary
…multiplied by itself three times. **Source:** All Math Words Dictionary. David E. McAdams. P.134 2012	
Cube Root. Number that you can multiply by itself three times to get a given number.^ **Source:** Algebra I for Dummies. Mary Jane Sterling P.339. For Dummies 2001	The result when a number is multiplied by itself twice. **Source:** CliffsNotes Math Review for Standardized Tests. Jerry Bobrow. P.225 Cliff Notes 2010
Cube Root. A number that must be multiplied times itself three times to equal a given number. **Source:** Mathwords.com http://www.mathwords.com/c/cube_root.htm	A number that is equal to another number multiplied by itself twice. **Source:** The Penguin Dictionary of Curious and Interesting Numbers. David Wells. P.12 Penguin Books 1988
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→ The cube of a number n is this number multiplied three times by itself. **Source:** Wiktionary http://simple.wiktionary.org/wiki/cube	→ to determine the result of multiplying by itself twice **Source:** Wiktionary http://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/cube