

Zero & Negative Exponents

Discovery:

Simplify

$$\frac{12}{12} = \quad \frac{5}{5} = \quad \frac{x}{x} =$$

Simplify

$$\frac{x^4}{x^4}$$

Do Now:

Zero Exponents

Rule #1:

An Exponent of ZERO

$$a^0 =$$

$$3^0 =$$

$$(-3)^0 =$$

$$x^0 =$$

a) $(-6)^0 =$

b) $x^0 =$

c) $-(7)^0 =$

d) $(25xyz)^0 =$

e) $-y^0 =$

f) $\text{word}^0 =$

REMEMBER: anything to the zero power is 1

$$15^0 = 1$$

$-(8x)^0 = -1 \rightarrow (8x)^0 = 1$ but the - sign is not raised to the 0 power

$$\left(-\frac{4}{3}\right)^0 = 1$$

Negative Exponents

CAUTION

ALERT! ALERT! ALERT! ALERT! ALERT!

A negative exponent does NOT make the number negative!!!

Ex: _____

Instead, a negative exponent says:

"I'm feeling negative b/c I do not like where I _____ right now. I need to make a change and _____ to a new a new place so I can feel _____ again."

RULE:

$$10^{-2} = \frac{1}{10^2}$$

All negative exponents can be written as a fraction with 1 in the numerator and the positive exponent in the denominator.

Let's Try:

1. $\frac{1}{6^{-2}}$	2. $\frac{2}{x^{-2}}$	3. $\frac{y^{-3}}{3}$
4. -2^0	5. $(-3)^{-2}$	6. $\frac{1}{2^{-2}}$
7. $\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{-2}$	8. 3^{-2}	9. $(-3x)^2$

1. 2^{-4}	2. 4^{-2}	3. x^{-6}
4. $3z^{-2}$	5. $\frac{1}{3^2}$	6. 5^0
7. $2^{-5} \cdot 2^3$	8. $x^3 \cdot x^{-7}$	9. $\frac{3^3}{3^3}$
10. $\frac{x^4}{x^{-6}}$	11. x^0	12. 1001^{-1}

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Directions: Rewrite each item as an equivalent expression in exponential notation.

Answers should only have positive exponents.

$$1) \frac{5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5}{5 \cdot 5} =$$

$$2) \frac{(-2)}{(-2)} =$$

$$3) \frac{(0.12)(0.12)(0.12)}{(0.12)(0.12)} =$$

$$4) \frac{7 \cdot 7 \cdot 7}{7 \cdot 7 \cdot 7 \cdot 7 \cdot 7} =$$

$$5) \frac{15^6}{15^9} =$$

$$6) \frac{(-7)^5}{(-7)^3} =$$

$$7) \frac{\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^5}{\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)} =$$

$$8) \frac{12^4}{3^4} =$$

$$9) \frac{6^9}{6^9} =$$

$$10) \frac{7^4 \cdot 7^5}{7^9} =$$

$$11) \frac{(9^3)^0 \cdot 5^2}{5^5} =$$

Write the following algebraic problems in exponential notation.

$$12) \frac{x^7}{x^3} =$$

$$13) \frac{a^2b}{a^6b^2} =$$

$$14) \frac{t^5}{t^5} =$$

$$15) \frac{x^4y^2}{x^3y^8} =$$

Rewrite each item as an equivalent expression in exponential notation.

Answers should only have positive exponents.

$$16) 2^{-5} =$$

$$17) (-6)^{-4} =$$

Tell whether each statement is correct. Show work to support your answer.

$$18) (-5)^{-3} = \frac{1}{(-5)^{-3}}$$

$$19) \frac{8^4}{8^4} = 8$$

$$20) 7^0 = \frac{7^5}{7^5}$$

$$21) \frac{x^8}{x^4} = x^2$$

$$22) 5^6 \cdot \frac{1}{25} = 5^8$$

$$23) (7^4)^{-2} = \frac{1}{49^4}$$

Intro to Exponential Functions

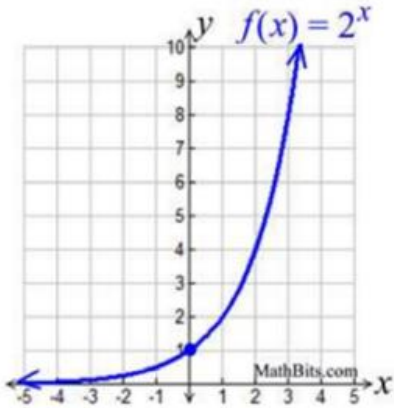
Simplify the Following:

1] $(-4)^2$	2] -4^2	3] $3^2 \cdot (-2)^3$
4] $a^2 \cdot a^3$	5] $(d^4)(d^6)$	6] $(x^4)^3$
7] $(2x^2y^3)^4$	8] $z^0 \cdot z^2$	9] x^{-3}
10] 5^{-2}	11] $(-2x^2)(6x^3)(x^2)$	12] $\frac{12a^{-2}}{4}$

● Features of Exponential Functions

An **exponential function** with base b is defined by $f(x) = ab^x$ where $a \neq 0$, $b > 0$, $b \neq 1$, and x is any real number. The base, b , is constant and the exponent, x , is a variable.

In the following example, $a = 1$ and $b = 2$.

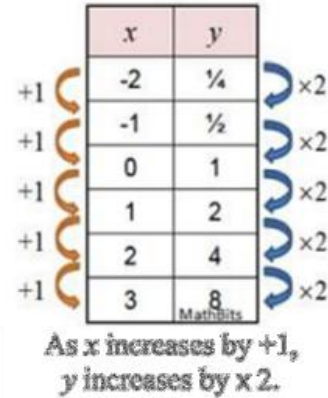


x	$y = f(x)$
-2	$2^{-2} = \frac{1}{4}$
-1	$2^{-1} = \frac{1}{2}$
0	$2^0 = 1$
1	$2^1 = 2$
2	$2^2 = 4$
3	$2^3 = 8$

Shape: Most exponential graphs will have this same arcing shape.

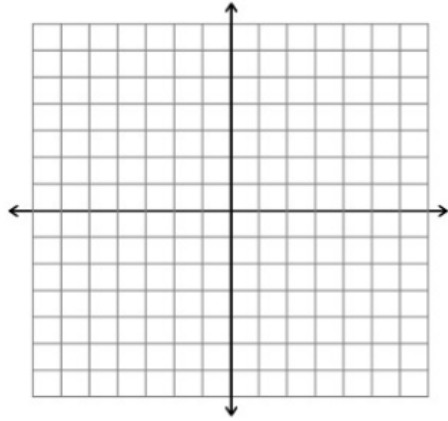
Rate of Change: This graph does not have a constant rate of change, but it has constant ratios. It is growing by common factors over equal intervals.

- Features (for this graph):**
- the **domain** is all Real numbers.
 - the **range** is all positive real numbers (not zero).
 - graph has a **y-intercept** at $(0,1)$. Remember any number to the zero power is 1.
 - when $b > 1$, the graph **increases**. The greater the base, b , the faster the graph rises from left to right.
 - when $0 < b < 1$, the graph **decreases**.
 - has an **asymptote** (a line that the graph gets very, very close to, but never crosses or touches). For this graph the asymptote is the **x-axis** ($y = 0$).



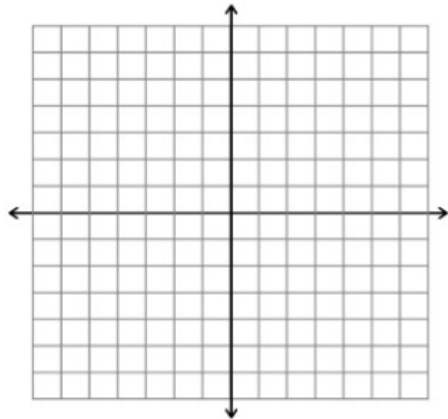
Graphing Exponential Functions:

1] $f(x) = 2^x$



x	y
-1	
0	
1	
2	

2] $g(x) = 3^x$

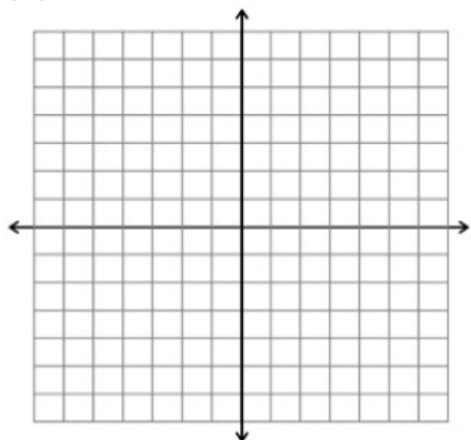


x	y
-1	
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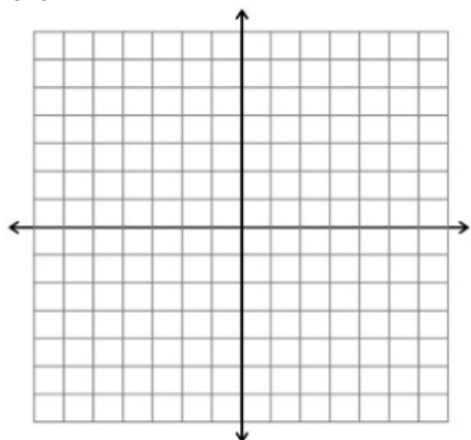
Observations:

3] $f(x) = 0.5^x$



x	y
-1	
0	
1	
2	

4] $h(x) = -2^x$



x	y
-1	
0	
1	
2	



Observations: