

LESSON DIGITS 3-3/3-4

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Goal: I will be able to **multiply and divide exponents**

Tool Bag
Formulas, equations,
Vocabulary, etc.

Here's How... Notes & Examples

Vocabulary

$3x^2$ ← Exponent
↑ Variable
Coefficient (Base)
 5^4 ← exponent
↑ base

$1x^1 = x$

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Example

$5^4 = 5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5$ ←
 $5^3 = 5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5$

$4+3=7$
 $5+2=7$

$5^4 \cdot 5^3 = (5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5) (5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5) = 5^7$

$3^7 \cdot 3^{10} \cdot 9^7 \cdot 9^{10}$

$3^5 \cdot 3^2 = (3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3) (3 \cdot 3) = 3^7$

$9+3=12$
 $6^9 \cdot 6^3 = 6^{9+3} = 6^{12}$

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Rule
Multiply
Exponents

$X^a \cdot X^b = X^{a+b}$

$3^4 \cdot 2^3 = 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2$

Example

$(3^2)^3 = (3^2)(3^2)(3^2)$
 $= 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 = 3^6$

$X^3 = X \cdot X \cdot X$
 $(X^2)^3 = (X)(X)(X)(X)(X)(X)$
 $2 \cdot 3 = 6$

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$3 \times 5 = 15$

Rule
Power to
a Power

$(4^3)^5 = (4^3)(4^3)(4^3)(4^3)(4^3)$
 $= 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4$
 $= 4^{15}$

$(X^a)^b = X^{a \cdot b}$

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Example

$\frac{5^6}{5^2} = \frac{5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5}{5 \cdot 5} = 5^4$

$\frac{X^5}{X^3} = \frac{X \cdot X \cdot X \cdot X \cdot X}{X \cdot X \cdot X} = X^2$

Rule
Dividing
Exponents

$\frac{X^a}{X^b} = X^{a-b}$

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Example

$(\frac{5}{8})^4 = (\frac{5}{8})(\frac{5}{8})(\frac{5}{8})(\frac{5}{8})$
 $= \frac{5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5}{8 \cdot 8 \cdot 8 \cdot 8} = \frac{5^4}{8^4}$

$(\frac{X}{7})^5 = (\frac{X}{7})(\frac{X}{7})(\frac{X}{7})(\frac{X}{7})(\frac{X}{7})$
 $= \frac{X \cdot X \cdot X \cdot X \cdot X}{7 \cdot 7 \cdot 7 \cdot 7 \cdot 7} = \frac{X^5}{7^5}$

Rule

$(\frac{X}{Y})^a = \frac{X^a}{Y^a}$