

Algebra 1

Exponents Check Day 2

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1. Simplify $\frac{3^2 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 3^4}{3^6}$. $= \frac{3^9}{3^6} = 3^3$

A 3^3 **B** 3^4 **C** 3^6 **D** 3^8

2. Multiply $(8ab^2)(5a^4b^3)$.

A $40a^4b^5$ **B** $40a^5b^5$ **C** $40a^4b^6$ **D** $40a^5b^6$

$$40a^5b^5$$

3. What is the value of this expression?

$$\frac{5^0 \cdot 5^4}{5^3 \cdot 5^1} = \frac{5^4}{5^4}$$

A 0

B 1

C 5

D 25

4. The expression $3^4 \cdot 3^n$ is equivalent to 3^{20} . What must be the value of n ?

A 4

B 5

C 16

D 24

$$3^4 \cdot 3^n = 3^{20}$$

5. If $\frac{2^7 \cdot 2^5}{2^p}$ simplifies to 2^3 , what must be the value of p ?

A 2

B 4

C 6

D 9

$$\frac{2^7 \cdot 2^5}{2^p} = 2^3$$

$$\frac{2^{12}}{2^p} = 2^3$$

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Exponent Rule #4:Simplify by subtracting:

$$\frac{x^5}{x^7} = x^{-2}$$

Simplify by expanding out the fraction:

$$\frac{x^5}{x^7} = \frac{\cancel{x} \cancel{x} \cancel{x} \cancel{x} \cancel{x}}{\cancel{x} \cancel{x} \cancel{x} \cancel{x} \cancel{x} x x} = \frac{1}{x^2}$$

What can we determine from the above example?

Any base raised to a negative power is the same as the base raised to the positive power in the denominator of a fraction.

Rule:

$$a^{-n} = \frac{1}{a^n}$$

Examples: Simplify using positive exponents.

$$\begin{array}{llll}
 1. 4^{-2} = \frac{1}{4^2} & 2. m^{-2} = \frac{1}{m^2} & 3. 5m^{-3} = \frac{5}{m^3} & 4. 2p^{-2}g^3m^{-5} = \frac{2g^3}{p^2m^5} \\
 5. -6p^5x^4p^{-8} = \frac{-6p^5x^4}{p^8} = \frac{-6x^4}{p^3} & 6. \frac{w^5x^{-6}}{m^3p^2} = \frac{w^5}{m^3p^2x^6} & 7. \frac{6x^7m^{-5}}{9g^2m} = \frac{6x^7}{9g^2m^6} = \frac{2x^7}{3g^2m^6}
 \end{array}$$

✓ Understanding Check:

$$\begin{array}{llll}
 a. 7^{-5} = \frac{1}{7^5} & b. x^{-2} = \frac{1}{x^2} & c. 6p^{-4} = \frac{6}{p^4} & d. 3p^{-1}g^{-3}m^6 = \frac{3m^6}{pg^3} \\
 e. \frac{c^{-2}a^7}{n^2f^5} = \frac{a^7}{c^2n^2f^5} & f. \frac{4x^{-3}p^3}{2m^2x^2} = \frac{2p^3}{m^2x^5} & g. -7m^3n^4x^{-3}m^{-5} = \frac{-7n^4}{m^2x^3}
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Initial expression: } -6p^5 x^4 y^{-2} p^{-8} \\
 & \text{Step 1: } -6p^5 x^4 y^{-2} p^{-8} = \frac{-6p^5 x^4}{y^2 p^8} \\
 & \text{Step 2: } \frac{-6p^5 x^4}{y^2 p^8} = \frac{-6x^4 p^{-3}}{y^2} \\
 & \text{Step 3: } \frac{-6x^4 p^{-3}}{y^2} = \frac{-6x^4}{y^2 p^3}
 \end{aligned}$$

✓ Understanding Check:

a. $7^{-5} = \frac{1}{7^5}$

b. $x^{-2} = \frac{1}{x^2}$

c. $6p^{-4} = \frac{6}{p^4}$

d. $3p^{-1}g^{-3}m^6 = \frac{3m^6}{pg^3}$

e. $\frac{c^{-2}a^7}{n^2f^5} = \frac{a^7}{c^2n^2f^5}$

f. $\frac{4x^{-3}p^3}{2m^2x^2} = \frac{2p^3}{m^2x^5}$

g. $-7m^3n^4x^{-3}m^{-5} = \frac{-7m^3n^4}{x^3m^5} = \frac{-7n^4}{x^3m^2}$
* or $-7m^{-2}n^4x^{-3}$

Song to help you remember the rule:

If the base has a negative power, send it down...(as a positive)

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If the base has a negative power, don't run, and cry, and cower,

If the base has a negative power, send it down...(as a positive)

MyExponentSongMusicOnly



What if the negative exponent is in the denominator already?:

Examples: Simplify using positive exponents.

$$1. \frac{1}{4^{-3}} = 4^3 \text{ or } 64 \quad 2. \frac{1}{m^{-2}} = m^2 \quad 3. \frac{2}{x^{-4}} = 2x^4 \quad 4. \frac{3^2 \cdot 6^5 m}{2m^2 p} = \frac{m \cdot m^2}{3^2 \cdot 2 \cdot p \cdot x^5}$$

Understanding Check:

$$a. \frac{1}{5^{-4}} = 5^4 \text{ or } 625 \quad b. \frac{1}{x^{-6}} = x^6 \quad c. \frac{3}{g^{-2}} = 3g^2 \quad d. \frac{5x^{-5}p^{-3}}{7^{-1}m^{-2}p} = \frac{m^2}{18px^5}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{d. } \frac{5x^{-5}p^{-3}}{7^{-4}m^{-2}p} &= \frac{5 \cdot 7 m^2}{x^5 p^3 p} \\ &= \frac{35 m^2}{x^5 p^4} \end{aligned}$$

Exponent Rule #5:

Examples: Simplify using positive exponents, (simplify completely)

$$1. (3^5)^4 = \underbrace{(3^5)(3^5)(3^5)(3^5)}_{5+5+5+5} \text{ or } \underbrace{3}_{2+2+2} \text{ or } \underbrace{3}_{2(3)} = \underbrace{3}_{20}$$

$$2. (y^2)^3 = \underbrace{y^2 \cdot y^2 \cdot y^2}_{2+2+2} \text{ or } \underbrace{y}_{2(3)} = y^6$$

$$3. (2a^4)^2 = \underbrace{2a^4 \cdot 2a^4}_{2+4+4} \text{ or } \underbrace{2a^8}_{2(4)} = 4a^8 \text{ or } \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

Jump to just multiplying exponents

$$4. (3m^3p^5)^3 = \underbrace{3^3 \cdot m^9 \cdot p^{15}}_{3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot m^3 \cdot m^3 \cdot m^3 \cdot p^5 \cdot p^5 \cdot p^5} = 27m^9p^{15} \text{ or } \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$5. (-2g^2n^3)^2 = \underbrace{(-2)^2 \cdot g^4 \cdot n^6}_{2 \cdot 2 \cdot g^2 \cdot g^2 \cdot n^3 \cdot n^3} = 4g^4n^6 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

Homework:

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