

Secondary 2 Honors Quad Prep Day 3 Notes  
Exploring Laws of Exponents

What does an exponent tell you about the number?

**Product of Powers Property**

Complete the table below.

Expression	E·X·P·A·N·D·E·D Form	Exponential Form
$3^2 \cdot 3^5$	$3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3$	$3^7$
$2 \cdot 2^6$	$2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2$	$2^7$
$b^5 \cdot b^8$	$b \cdot b \cdot b \cdot b \cdot b \cdot b \cdot b \cdot b \cdot b \cdot b \cdot b$	$b^{13}$

- Look at the table above. Compare the first and third column. Describe, using words, the relationship that you see between them.

- Use your observations from above to fill in a generalized form:

$$a^m \cdot a^n = a^{m+n}$$

$-4^2 \stackrel{?}{=} (-4)^2$   
 $-16 \neq +16$

- The rule you discovered is called the "product of powers." Use it to simplify the expressions below.

a.  $2^6 \cdot 2^8$   
 $2^{6+8}$   
 $2^{14}$

b.  $(-7)^3 \cdot (-7)^1 \cdot (-7)^5$   
 $(-7)^{3+1+5}$   
 $(-7)^9$

c.  $m^7 \cdot m^4 \cdot m^6$   
 $m^{7+4+6}$   
 $m^{17}$

**Power of a Power Property**

Complete the table below.

Expression	E·X·P·A·N·D·E·D Form	Exponential Form
$(5^2)^3$	$5^2 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 5^2$	$5^6$
$(8^5)^2$	$8^5 \cdot 8^5$	$8^{10}$
$(x^3)^4$	$x^3 \cdot x^3 \cdot x^3 \cdot x^3$	$x^{12}$

- Look at the table above. Compare the first and third column. Describe, using words, the relationship that you see between them.

- Use your observations from above to fill in a generalized form:

$$(a^m)^n = a^{m \cdot n}$$

- The rule you discovered is called the "power of a power." Use it to simplify the expressions below.

a.  $(7^4)^9$   
 $7^{4 \cdot 9}$   
 $7^{36}$

b.  $(k^{17})^2$   
 $k^{17 \cdot 2}$   
 $k^{34}$

c.  $(w^{100})^5$   
 $w^{100 \cdot 5}$   
 $w^{500}$

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**Quotient of Powers Property**

Complete the table below.

Expression	E·X·P·A·N·D·E·D Form	Exponential Form
$\frac{6^9}{6^4}$	$\frac{6 \cdot 6 \cdot 6 \cdot 6 \cdot 6 \cdot 6 \cdot 6 \cdot 6 \cdot 6}{6 \cdot 6 \cdot 6 \cdot 6} = 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 6 \cdot 6 \cdot 6 \cdot 6$	$6^5$
$\frac{100^5}{100^2}$	$\frac{100 \cdot 100 \cdot 100 \cdot 100 \cdot 100}{100 \cdot 100}$	$100^3$
$\frac{t^{15}}{t^8}$		$t^7$

1. Look at the table above. Compare the first and third column. Describe, using words, the relationship that you see between them.

2. Use your observations from above to fill in a generalized form:

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

3. The rule you discovered is called the "quotient of powers." Use it to simplify the expressions below.

a.  $\frac{16^7}{16^3} = 16^{7-3} = 16^4$

b.  $\frac{w^{25}}{w^{10}} = w^{25-10} = w^{15}$

c.  $\frac{4^3 \cdot 4^7}{4^5} = \frac{4^{10}}{4^5} = 4^{10-5} = 4^5 = 256$

4. Using the Quotient of Powers Property what is  $\frac{5^3}{5^3}$ ?  $5^{3-3} = 5^0 = 1$

5. What do you get when you divide a number by itself (for instance  $\frac{5^3}{5^3}$ )? 1

**Zero Powers Property**

Complete the table below.

Expression	E·X·P·A·N·D·E·D Form	Answer
$5^4$	$5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5$	625
$5^3$	$5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5$	125
$5^2$	$5 \cdot 5$	25
$5^1$	5	5
$5^0$		1

1. Look at the table above. What is the pattern in the third column? Describe, using words, how that pattern helps you find  $5^0$ ?

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Expression	E·X·P·A·N·D·E·D Form	Answer
$3^4$		
$3^3$		
$3^2$		
$3^1$		
$3^0$		

1. Use your observations from above to fill in a generalized form:

$$a^0 = 1$$

2. The rule you discovered is called the "zero power property." Use it to simplify the expressions below.

a.  $(x^1 \cdot x^2 \cdot x^9)^0 = 1$       b.  $\left(\frac{3^4}{3^0}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{3^4}{1}\right)^2 = (3^4)^2 = 3^8$       c.  $(128,917,654^5)^0 = 1$

What is  $\frac{x^3}{x^7}$  expanded?  ~~$\frac{x \cdot x \cdot x}{x \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x}$~~  =  $\frac{1}{x^4}$

What is  $\frac{x^3}{x^7}$  using the quotient of powers rule?  $x^{3-7} = x^{-4}$

$$\frac{1}{x^4} = x^{-4}$$

**Negative Powers Property**

Complete the table below.

Expression	E·X·P·A·N·D·E·D Form	Answer
$4^2$	4 · 4	16
$4^1$	4	4
$4^0$		1
$4^{-1}$	$\frac{4^{-1}}{1} \rightarrow \frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$
$4^{-2}$	$\frac{4^{-2}}{1} \rightarrow \frac{1}{4 \cdot 4}$	$\frac{1}{16}$

1. In order to work up in exponents, you are increasing the number of times that you are \_\_\_\_\_ the number (or variable).

If you are decreasing the exponent (the exponent is getting more negative) then you are \_\_\_\_\_ by the number (or variable).

2. Use your observations from above to fill in a generalized form:

$$\frac{a^{-m}}{1} = \frac{1}{a^m} \qquad \frac{1}{a^{-m}} = \frac{a^m}{1} = a^m$$

3. The rule you discovered is called the "negative power property." Use it to simplify the expressions below.

a.  $\frac{y^{-5}}{1} = \frac{1}{y^5}$       b.  $(x^2)^{-5} = x^{2 \cdot -5} = x^{-10} = \frac{1}{x^{10}}$       c.  $\left(\frac{z^0}{z^2 \cdot z^4}\right)^{-2} = \left(\frac{1}{z^6}\right)^{-2} = \frac{1^2}{z^{-12}} = \frac{z^{12}}{1} = z^{12}$

Day 3 Notes -- Properties of Exponents

Simplify. Your answer should only contain positive exponents.

$$1) 6^4 \cdot 6^6 = 6^{10}$$

$$2) (3^2 \cdot 3^2)^3 = (3^4)^3 = 3^{12}$$

$$3) n^2 \cdot 2n = n^2 \cdot 2 \cdot n = 2 \cdot n^2 \cdot n = 2 \cdot n \cdot n^2 = 2n^3$$

$$4) m^3 \cdot 3m = 3 \cdot m^3 \cdot m^1 = 3m^4$$

$$5) (2p^2)^3 = 2^3 p^6 = 8p^6$$

$$6) (x^{-3})^{-2} = x^{-3 \cdot -2} = x^6$$

$$7) 3x^4 \cdot (yx^{-2})^{-2} = 3 \cdot y^{-2} \cdot x^4 = \frac{3x^4}{y^2}$$

$$8) (2a^3b^4)^3 = 2^3 \cdot a^9 \cdot b^{12} = 8a^9b^{12}$$

$$9) \frac{6^{-4}}{6^{-6}} = 6^{-4} \cdot 6^6 = 6^2 = 36$$

$$10) \frac{2^{-3}}{2^4} = \frac{1}{2^4 2^3} = \frac{1}{2^7}$$

$$11) \frac{2n^{-2}}{n^{-3}} = 2n^{-2} n^3 = 2n$$

$$12) \frac{3v}{2v} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$13) \frac{2v^3}{2v \cdot (3v^3)^2} = \frac{2v^3}{2v \cdot 3^2 \cdot v^6} = \frac{2v^3}{2 \cdot 3^2 v^7} = \frac{1}{3^2 v^4} = \frac{1}{9v^4}$$

$$14) \frac{(3x^3)^2 \cdot x^3}{x} = \frac{3^2 x^6 \cdot x^3}{x} = \frac{9x^9}{x} = 9x^8$$

$$15) \frac{(3a^{-3})^2}{3a^0} = \frac{3^2 a^{-6}}{3a} = \frac{3}{a^1 a^6} = \frac{3}{a^7}$$

$$16) \frac{2a^2 \cdot b^{-3}}{(a^3 b)^3} = \frac{2a^2 b^{-3}}{a^9 b^3} = \frac{2}{a^7 b^3}$$