

# 1.5 The Exponent Rules

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To multiply powers with the same base, add the exponents.

$$y^m \times y^n = y^{m+n}$$

To divide powers with the same base, subtract the exponents.

$$y^m \div y^n = y^{m-n}$$

To raise a power to a power, multiply the exponents.

$$(y^m)^n = y^{m \times n}$$

*Simplify.*

1.  $4^4 \times 4^2$       2.  $3^5 \times 3^3$       3.  $2^2 \times 2^3$

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4.  $10^3 \times 10$       5.  $5^4 \times 5^3$       6.  $6 \times 6^4$

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7.  $x^2 \times x^5$       8.  $y^3 \times y^3$       9.  $z^3 \times z^2$

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*Find the missing exponent.*

10.  $3^2 \times 3^{\square} = 3^4$  \_\_\_\_\_      11.  $5^{\square} \times 5^4 = 5^7$  \_\_\_\_\_

12.  $8^3 \times 8^{\square} = 8^5$  \_\_\_\_\_      13.  $7^{\square} \times 7^3 = 7^4$  \_\_\_\_\_

14.  $y^5 \times y^{\square} = y^8$  \_\_\_\_\_      15.  $b^{\square} \times b^5 = b^9$  \_\_\_\_\_

16.  $x \times x^9 = x^{\square}$  \_\_\_\_\_      17.  $s^6 \times s^{\square} = s^7$  \_\_\_\_\_

*Simplify.*

18.  $5^4 \div 5^2$       19.  $4^6 \div 4^3$       20.  $3^3 \div 3^2$

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21.  $9^5 \div 9^2$       22.  $7^4 \div 7^3$       23.  $2^6 \div 2^4$

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24.  $x^7 \div x^5$       25.  $y^8 \div y^6$       26.  $a^5 \div a^4$

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*Find the missing exponent.*

27.  $2^5 \div 2^{\square} = 2^3$  \_\_\_\_\_      28.  $3^4 \div 3^{\square} = 3^2$  \_\_\_\_\_

29.  $4^{\square} \div 4^2 = 4^4$  \_\_\_\_\_      30.  $5^{\square} \div 5^3 = 5$  \_\_\_\_\_

31.  $n^4 \div n^{\square} = n^2$  \_\_\_\_\_      32.  $c^{\square} \div c^4 = c^3$  \_\_\_\_\_

33.  $y^{\square} \div y^2 = y^2$  \_\_\_\_\_      34.  $z^9 \div z^{\square} = z$  \_\_\_\_\_

*Simplify.*

35.  $(3^2)^3$       36.  $(2^4)^2$       37.  $(7^3)^4$

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38.  $(6^2)^4$       39.  $(5^3)^2$       40.  $(4^5)^3$

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41.  $(x^3)^3$       42.  $(s^2)^2$       43.  $(r^5)^2$

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*Find the missing exponent.*

44.  $(3^3)^{\square} = 3^9$  \_\_\_\_\_      45.  $(2^5)^{\square} = 2^{10}$  \_\_\_\_\_

46.  $(5^{\square})^2 = 5^8$  \_\_\_\_\_      47.  $(4^{\square})^3 = 4^{12}$  \_\_\_\_\_

48.  $(g^2)^{\square} = g^6$  \_\_\_\_\_      49.  $(m^3)^{\square} = m^9$  \_\_\_\_\_

50.  $(s^{\square})^5 = s^{20}$  \_\_\_\_\_      51.  $(t^{\square})^2 = t^6$  \_\_\_\_\_

*Find the value of each expression.*

Replace the blanks with the corresponding letter or symbol to decode the message.

52.  $2^3 \times 2^2$       C      53.  $2^9 \div 2^2$       R

54.  $2^4 \div 2^3$       A      55.  $(2^3)^2$       O

56.  $2^{13} \div 2^3$       C      57.  $(2^6)^2$       !

58.  $2 \times 2$       L      59.  $(2^4)^2$       R

60.  $2^2 \times 2^2$       \*      61.  $2^2 \times 2$       L

62.  $(2^3)^3$       E      63.  $2^{12} \div 2$       T

\_\_\_\_\_  $2^1$  \_\_\_\_\_  $2^2$  \_\_\_\_\_  $2^3$  \_\_\_\_\_  $2^4$  \_\_\_\_\_  $2^5$  \_\_\_\_\_  $2^6$  \_\_\_\_\_  $2^7$  \_\_\_\_\_  $2^8$  \_\_\_\_\_  $2^9$  \_\_\_\_\_  $2^{10}$  \_\_\_\_\_  $2^{11}$  \_\_\_\_\_  $2^{12}$