

1.5 The Exponent Rules

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Key

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

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

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

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

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

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

Simplify.

$$1. 4^4 \times 4^2 = 4^6$$

$$2. 3^5 \times 3^3 = 3^8$$

$$3. 2^2 \times 2^3 = 2^5$$

$$4. 10^3 \times 10 = 10^4$$

$$5. 5^4 \times 5^3 = 5^7$$

$$6. 6 \times 6^4 = 6^5$$

$$7. x^2 \times x^5 = x^7$$

$$8. y^3 \times y^3 = y^6$$

$$9. z^3 \times z^2 = z^5$$

Find the missing exponent.

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

$$12. 8^3 \times 8^{\square} = 8^5 \quad \underline{2} \quad 13. 7^{\square} \times 7^3 = 7^4 \quad \underline{1}$$

$$14. y^5 \times y^{\square} = y^8 \quad \underline{3} \quad 15. b^{\square} \times b^5 = b^9 \quad \underline{4}$$

$$16. x \times x^9 = x^{\square} \quad \underline{10} \quad 17. s^6 \times s^{\square} = s^7 \quad \underline{1}$$

Simplify.

$$18. 5^4 \div 5^2 = 5^2$$

$$19. 4^6 \div 4^3 = 4^3$$

$$20. 3^3 \div 3^2 = 3$$

$$21. 9^5 \div 9^2 = 9^3$$

$$22. 7^4 \div 7^3 = 7$$

$$23. 2^6 \div 2^4 = 2^2$$

$$24. x^7 \div x^5 = x^2$$

$$25. y^8 \div y^6 = y^2$$

$$26. a^5 \div a^4 = a$$

Find the missing exponent.

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

$$29. 4^{\square} \div 4^2 = 4^4 \quad \underline{6} \quad 30. 5^{\square} \div 5^3 = 5 \quad \underline{4}$$

$$31. n^4 \div n^{\square} = n^2 \quad \underline{2} \quad 32. c^{\square} \div c^4 = c^3 \quad \underline{5}$$

$$33. y^{\square} \div y^2 = y^2 \quad \underline{4} \quad 34. z^9 \div z^{\square} = z \quad \underline{9}$$

Simplify.

$$35. (3^2)^3 = 3^6$$

$$36. (2^4)^2 = 2^8$$

$$37. (7^3)^4 = 7^{12}$$

$$38. (6^2)^4 = 6^8$$

$$39. (5^3)^2 = 5^6$$

$$40. (4^5)^3 = 4^{15}$$

$$41. (x^3)^3 = x^9$$

$$42. (s^2)^2 = s^4$$

$$43. (r^5)^2 = r^{10}$$

Find the missing exponent.

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

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

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

$$50. (s^{\square})^5 = s^{20} \quad \underline{4} \quad 51. (t^{\square})^2 = t^6 \quad \underline{3}$$

Find the value of each expression.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ALL * CORRECT!