

8th Grade Math  
Lesson: April 8th

**Learning Target:**

Students will apply the properties of integer exponents to generate equivalent expressions.

**Lesson Includes:**

- 1) Converting between expanded and exponential form
- 2) Six different exponent rules

# Warm Up Activity

Multiply. Write in simplest form:

1)  $(2)(2)(2)(2)$

2)  $(-3)(-3)(-3)(-3)$

3)  $(\frac{1}{2})(\frac{1}{2})$

4) Mark separated a number of coins into five piles with seven coins in each pile. Mark calculates the number of coins using  $5 \times 7$ , but his friend calculates the number of coins using  $7 \times 5$ . Are both of them correct? Explain.

# Warm Up Activity **Answers**

Multiply. Write in simplest form:

1)  $(2)(2)(2)$

**8**

2)  $(-3)(-3)(-3)(-3)$

**81**

3)  $(\frac{1}{2})(\frac{1}{2})$

**$\frac{1}{4}$**

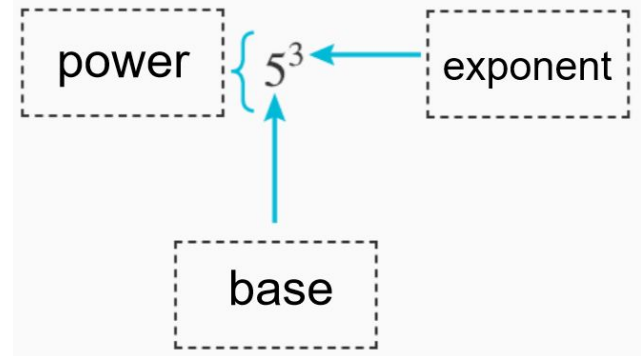
4) Mark separated a number of coins into five piles with seven coins in each pile. Mark calculates the number of coins using  $5 \times 7$ , but his friend calculates the number of coins using  $7 \times 5$ . Are both of them correct? Explain.

**Yes, because commutative property of multiplication states that  $a \times b = b \times a$ . In this case,  $5 \times 7 = 35$  and  $7 \times 5 = 35$  which proves the commutative property.**

# Instruction: Exponents

Read through the vocabulary.

- 1) An **exponent**
  - tells how many times a number is repeated using multiplication
- 2) The **base**
  - the number that is used as a factor
- 3) A **power**
  - an expression that has two parts: base and an exponent
- 4) **Expanded form**
  - the expression represented as repeated multiplication
- 5) **Exponential form**
  - the expression is simplified and uses exponents



## Practice: Exponents

Write each expression using exponents:

1.  $y \cdot y \cdot y \cdot y \cdot y \cdot y \cdot y$

2.  $3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3$

Write each expression **without** using exponents:

3.  $t^{13}$

4.  $5^5$

**Answer:** 1.  $y^7$  2.  $3^{10}$  3.  $t \cdot t \cdot t \cdot t \cdot t \cdot t \cdot t \cdot t \cdot t \cdot t \cdot t \cdot t \cdot t$  4.  $5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5$

# Practice: Exponents - Vocabulary

Match the following vocabulary work with its definition:

a. Exponent

1. What number is being multiplied

b. Base

2. Rules for operations with exponents

c. Properties of Exponents

3. How many times a number is being multiplied

# Practice: Exponents - Vocabulary **ANSWERS**

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2. Rules for operations with exponents
3. How many times a number is being multiplied

## Instruction: Exponent Rule 1 - Product of Powers

Read through the explanation of the exponent rule: Product of Powers, then watch the video.

\*Product of Powers Property video linked [here](#).\*

Product of Powers

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

Bases must be the same.

Bases seen more than once.

Exponents ADD together.

Multiply coefficients, if present.

EXAMPLES:

Simplify each expression.

$$a^1 \cdot a^2 \cdot a^3$$

$$a^6$$

$$t^{-4} \cdot t^6$$

$$t^2$$

$$2a^2 \cdot 3a^4$$

$$6a^6$$

$$3x^3 \cdot 3x^{-2}$$

$$3^2 x$$

$$9x$$

$$3b^3c \cdot 4b^2c^5$$

$$12b^5c^6$$

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$$x^2 \cdot x^3 = x \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x$$

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$$= x^5$$

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## Practice: Exponent Rule 1 - Product of Powers

On a piece of paper, try the problems below. More practice is provided at the end of the lesson (last slide).

### Product of Power

For the following, write each expression in expanded form. Then write the simplified expression in exponential form.

#	Expression	Expanded Form	Exponential Form
1	$x^4x^6$		
2	$a^3b^2 \cdot a^3b^5$		
3	$(3abc)(2a^2b)$		

For the following, simplify each expression.

4. $x^6x^{12}$	5. $y^{50}y^{20}$	6. $a^{13}b^5 \cdot a^3b^{20}$	7. $5a^5 \cdot -4ab^6$	8. $3y^2 \cdot 2x^4$
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# Practice: Exponent Rule 1 - Product of Powers **ANSWERS**

Check your work from the practice. More practice is provided at the end of the lesson (last slide).

## Product of Power

For the following, write each expression in expanded form. Then write the simplified expression in exponential form.

#	Expression	Expanded Form	Exponential Form
1	$x^4x^6$	$x \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x$	$x^{10}$
2	$a^3b^2 \cdot a^3b^5$	$a \cdot a \cdot a \cdot a \cdot a \cdot a \cdot b \cdot b \cdot b \cdot b \cdot b \cdot b \cdot b$	$a^6b^7$
3	$(3abc)(2a^2b)$	$6a \cdot a \cdot a \cdot b \cdot b \cdot c$	$6a^3bc$

For the following, simplify each expression.

4. $x^6x^{12}$ $x^{6+12}$ $x^{18}$	5. $y^{50}y^{20}$ $y^{50+20}$ $y^{70}$	6. $a^{13}b^5 \cdot a^3b^{20}$ $a^{13+3} \cdot b^{5+20}$ $a^{16}b^{25}$	7. $5a^5 \cdot -4ab^6$ $-20a^{5+1}b^6$ $-20a^6b^6$	8. $3y^2 \cdot 2x^4$ $6x^4y^2$
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## Instruction: Exponent Rule 2 - Quotient of Powers

Read through the explanation of the exponent rule: Quotient of Powers, then watch the video.

\*Quotient of Powers Property video linked [here](#).\*

Quotient of Powers

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

Bases must be the same.

Bases seen more than once.

SUBTRACT exponents.

Simplify fractions, if necessary.

EXAMPLES:

$$\frac{x^5}{x^3}$$

$x^2$

$$\frac{18c^3}{-3c^2}$$

$-6c$

$$\frac{3a^3b^5}{9ab^2}$$

$\frac{1a^2b^3}{3}$

$$\frac{x^2}{x^4} = \frac{xx}{xxxx} = \frac{1}{x^2}$$

$$\frac{x^5}{x^3} = \frac{xxxxx}{xxx} = x^2$$

## Practice: Exponent Rule 2 - Quotient of Powers

On a piece of paper, try the problems below. More practice is provided at the end of the lesson (last slide).

### Quotient of Powers

For the following, write each expression in expanded form. Then write the simplified expression in exponential form.

#	Expression	Expanded Form	Exponential Form
9	$\frac{4^4}{4^2}$		
10	$\frac{a^8}{a^3}$		
11	$\frac{x^4y^7}{x^3y^3}$		

For the following, simplify each expression.

12. $\frac{b^{20}}{b^5}$	13. $\frac{x^{24}}{x^{16}}$	14. $\frac{x^2y^3}{y^7}$	15. $\frac{p^{10}r^{20}}{p^3p^{10}}$	16. $\frac{5^4a^4b^2}{5^3ab^2}$
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# Instruction: Exponent Rule 3&4 - Negative & Zero Exponents

Read through the explanation of the exponent rule: Negative and Zero Exponents, then watch the video.

\*Negative Exponents video linked [here](#).\*

\*\* Zero Exponents video linked [here](#)\*\*

## Negative and Zero Exponents

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

$(a \neq 0)$

All negative exponents must be moved so that it is positive. If in numerator then move to denominator. If in denominator then move to numerator.

$$a^0 = 1 \quad (a \neq 0)$$

Any power which has an exponent of zero is always one.

## EXAMPLES:

$$x^{-8} = \frac{1}{x^8}$$
$$\frac{3}{x^{-6}} = 3x^6$$

$$2x^{-7} \cdot 3x^4 = 6x^{-3} = \frac{6}{x^3}$$

$$\frac{x^{-3}}{x^{-4}} = \frac{1}{x^3} \cdot x^4 = x^1 = x$$

$$t^0 = 1$$
$$3^0 = 1$$

$$x^0 = 1 \quad 3^0 = 1$$

## Practice: Exponent Rule 3&4 - Negative & Zero Exponents

On a piece of paper, try the problems below. More practice is provided at the end of the lesson (last slide).

### Zero Exponent Rule

1) Any non-zero number to the zero power is equivalent to \_\_\_\_\_.

For the following, simplify each expression.

2) $4^0$	3) $(-2)^0$	4) $\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^0$	5) $10^0$
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### Negative Exponent

6) Any non-zero number to the negative  $n$  power is the \_\_\_\_\_ of its  $n$ th power.

For the following, simplify each expression. Express each using only positive exponents.

7) $4^{-3}$	8) $7^{-2}$	9) $(-3)^{-4}$	10) $\frac{1}{5^{-2}}$
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# Practice: Exponent Rule 3&4 - Negative & Zero Exponents **ANSWERS**

Check your work from the practice. More practice is provided at the end of the lesson (last slide).

## Zero Exponent Rule

1) Any non-zero number to the zero power is equivalent to 1.

For the following, simplify each expression.

2) $4^0$ <u>1</u>	3) $(-2)^0$ <u>1</u>	4) $(\frac{3}{4})^0$ <u>1</u>	5) $10^0$ <u>1</u>
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## Negative Exponent

6) Any non-zero number to the negative  $n$  power is the multiplicative inverse of its  $n$ th power.

For the following, simplify each expression. Express each using only positive exponents.

7) $4^{-3}$ <u><math>\frac{1}{4^3}</math></u> or $\frac{1}{64}$	8) $7^{-2}$ <u><math>\frac{1}{7^2}</math></u> or $\frac{1}{49}$	9) $(-3)^{-4}$ <u><math>\frac{1}{(-3)^4}</math></u>	10) $\frac{1}{5^{-2}}$ <u><math>5^2</math></u> or 25
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## Instruction: Exponent Rule 5 - Power Rule

Read through the explanation of the exponent rule: Power Rule, then watch the video.

\*Power Rule (Power of a Power) video linked [here](#).\*

\*\*Power Rule (Power of a Product) video linked [here](#)\*\*

Power Rule

$$(ab)^m = a^m b^m$$

More than one base, but bases only seen once.

Parenthesis present.

APPLY the exponent to all terms (bases).

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

Two exponents. Multiply exponents.

EXAMPLES:

Handwritten examples of the Power Rule:

- $(x^2)^7$  results in  $x^{14}$
- $(3x^3)^5$  results in  $3^5 x^{15}$
- $(xy)^5$  results in  $x^5 y^5$
- $(x^6 y)^4$  results in  $x^{24} y^4$
- $(4x^5)^2$  results in  $4^2 x^{10}$  and  $16x^{10}$  (circled)
- $(\frac{x}{y})^4$  results in  $\frac{x^4}{y^4}$
- $(\frac{3x^2}{y^4})^2$  results in  $\frac{3^2 x^4}{y^8}$  and  $\frac{9x^4}{y^8}$  (circled)

## Practice: Exponent Rule 5 - Power Rule

On a piece of paper, try the problems below. More practice is provided at the end of the lesson (last slide).

1)  $(4^3)^5$

2)  $(a^6)^4$

5)  $(2x^2)^3$

6)  $(5x^2y^4)^3$

3)  $(2x^4)^3$

4)  $(5a^7b^6)^3$

7)  $(x^{-4})^{-4}$

8)  $\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2$

## Practice: Exponent Rule 5 - Power Rule **ANSWERS**

Check your work from the practice. More practice is provided at the end of the lesson (last slide).

1)  $(4^3)^5$   
 $4^{15}$

2)  $(a^6)^4$   
 $a^{24}$

3)  $(2x^4)^3$   
 $2^3 x^{12}$   
 $8x^{12}$

4)  $(5a^7b^6)^3$   
 $5^3 a^{21} b^{18}$   
 $125a^{21} b^{18}$

5)  $(2x^2)^3$

$8x^6$

6)  $(5x^2y^4)^3$

$125x^6y^{12}$

7)  $(x^{-4})^{-4}$

$x^{16}$

8)  $\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2$

$\frac{x^2}{4}$

# Additional Instruction - Exponent Rules:

Watch the video if needed.

Create your own table to look back on when you are working on exponent problems.

Law	Example
$a^m a^n = a^{m+n}$	$2^3 2^4 = 2^{3+4} = 2^7 = 128$
$(a^m)^n = a^{mn}$	$(2^3)^4 = 2^{3 \cdot 4} = 2^{12} = 4096$
$(ab)^n = a^n b^n$	$(2a)^5 = 2^5 a^5 = 32a^5$
$\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^n = \frac{a^n}{b^n}$	$\left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^3 = \frac{2^3}{5^3} = \frac{8}{125}$
$\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}$	$\frac{2^5}{2^3} = 2^{5-3} = 2^2 = 4$
$\frac{a^m}{a^n} = \frac{1}{a^{n-m}}$	$\frac{2^3}{2^5} = \frac{1}{2^{5-3}} = \frac{1}{2^2} = \frac{1}{4}$

Remember, if you are stuck expand the problem!!!

Example Expanded:

$$3a^3 \cdot 2a^2$$
$$3 \cdot a \cdot a \cdot a \cdot 2 \cdot a \cdot a$$

## **Additional Practice:**

Click on the links below to get additional practice and to check your understanding!

[Exponents Rules Pirate Game](#)

[Exponents Review Otter Game](#)

[Exponents Rags to Riches Review Game](#)