



Math Virtual Learning

College Algebra

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Lesson: April 29, 2020

Objective/Learning Target: Students will be able to solve real world problems using exponential equations



Warm Up Activity:

Practice the problems at the link to refresh your skills on solving exponential equations.

[Skill Practice](#)

Lesson:

Watch the video over exponential growth/decay word problems. We encourage you to have your own sheet of paper out and work along with the video.

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Practice: Problems 46, 47, & 48

46. Determine the principle that must be invested at a rate of 9% compounded monthly so that the balance in 20 years will be \$35,000.

- a. \$12,500.00 b. \$9,470.00 c. \$6914.23 d. \$5,824.45

47. The number of bacteria N in a culture is modeled by $N = 150e^{kt}$ where t is the time in hours. If $N = 375$ when $t = 3$, what is the time required for the original population to triple in size?

- a. 3.60 hours b. 5.28 hours. c. 9.00 hours d. 9.91 hours



48. World population has been growing exponentially for the past 30 years. In 1987, the world population was 5 billion. In 1998, it was 6 billion. Use this information and an exponential growth model to find the time (to the nearest year) that the population would take to double.

- a) 22 years b) 42 years c) 20 years d) None of these

[Online Practice Quiz](#)



Practice Answers:

46. d

47. a

48. b

Additional Practice:

44. On the day a grandchild is born, a grandparent deposits \$2500 into a fund that earns 7.5% interest and compounds quarterly. How much money will the fund be worth on the grandchild's 21st birthday?
- a. \$12,076.85 b. \$15,750.00 c. \$11,902.01 d. \$11,416.10
45. The number N of bacteria in a culture is given by the model $N = 175e^{kt}$, where t is given in hours. Given that $N = 420$ when $t = 8$, estimate the time required for the number of bacteria to double.
- a. 2.9 hrs. b. 6.9 hrs. c. 6.3 hrs. d. 14.3 hrs.



Additional Practice Answers:

44. C

45. C

[Link to Problems 44 & 45 -- scroll down for answers](#)