

# Exponent Rules Pattern Investigation

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**Remember**

Identify the base in  $4^3$ . What information does it give you?  
 Identify the exponent in  $4^3$ . What information does it give you?

**Understand**

Explain how  $2^3$  different from  $2 \cdot 3$ ?

**Analyze and Create:** Write the **Problem** expression in **E•x•p•a•n•d•e•d F•o•r•m**, then simplify the expression by writing the correct **Exponential<sup>Form</sup>**. At the bottom of each section, write a rule explaining to other people how to simply expressions with many exponents.

Multiplying Numbers with Exponents		
Problem	E•x•p•a•n•d•e•d F•o•r•m	Exponential <sup>Form</sup>
1. $2^2 \cdot 2^3$	<u><math>2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2</math></u>	
2. $3^4 \cdot 3^2$		
3. $4^2 \cdot 4^5$		
4. $5^2 \cdot 5^4 \cdot 5^3$		
5. $(10^3)(10)$		
6. $(10^5)(10^3)(10^2)$		
7. $(x^2)(x^3)$		
8. $(p^4)(p^5)(p)$		
<p>Look at the original exponents in the <b>Problem</b> and the exponents in the <b>Exponential<sup>Form</sup></b>. Write the rule for multiplying numbers with integer exponents:</p>		

Exponents Raised to an Exponent (a.k.a. Power to a Power)		
Problem	E•x•p•a•n•d•e•d F•o•r•m	Exponential <sup>Form</sup>
1. $(2^3)^2$	$2^3 \cdot 2^3 = \underline{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2} \cdot \underline{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2}$	
2. $(2^2)^3$		
3. $(2^2)^4$		
4. $(2^3)^3$		
5. $(2^2)^4$		
6. $(a^5)^2$		
7. $(w^5)^3$		
8. $(g^5)^3$		
<p>Look at the original exponents in the <b>Problem</b> and the exponents in the <b>Exponential<sup>Form</sup></b>. Write the rule for an exponent raised to an exponent:</p>		

### Dividing Numbers with Exponents

Problem	E•x•p•a•n•d•e•d F•o•r•m	Exponential <sup>Form</sup>
1. $2^5 \div 2^2 = \frac{2^5}{2^2}$	$\frac{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2}{2 \cdot 2}$	
2. $4^6 \div 4^2 = \frac{4^6}{4^2}$		
3. $5^6 \div 5^2 = \frac{5^6}{5^2}$		
4. $3^5 \div 3^3 = \frac{3^5}{3^3}$		
5. $10^7 \div 10^4 = \frac{10^7}{10^4}$		
6. $r^4 \div r^2 = \frac{r^4}{r^2}$		
7. $s^7 \div s^3 = \frac{s^7}{s^3}$		
8. $m^{10} \div m^3 = \frac{m^{10}}{m^3}$		

Look at the original exponents in the **Problem** and the exponents in the **Exponential<sup>Form</sup>**. Write the rule for dividing numbers with integer exponents:

### Create and Evaluate

Rewrite your rule for multiplying numbers with exponents.	Which rule is the same as your rule?  A. $x^a \cdot x^b = x^{a+b}$ B. $\frac{x^a}{x^b} = x^{a-b}$ C. $(x^a)^b = x^{a \cdot b}$
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Rewrite your rule for a power raised to a power.	Which rule is the same as your rule?  A. $\frac{x^a}{x^b} = x^{a-b}$ B. $(x^a)^b = x^{a \cdot b}$ C. $x^a \cdot x^b = x^{a+b}$
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Rewrite your rule for dividing numbers with exponents.	Which rule is the same as your rule?  A. $x^a \cdot x^b = x^{a+b}$ B. $(x^a)^b = x^{a \cdot b}$ C. $\frac{x^a}{x^b} = x^{a-b}$
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