

Key

Warm-Up:

$$1. 64 = 8^{x-6}$$

$$8^2 = 8^{x-6}$$

$$2 = x-6$$

$$8 = x$$

$$2. 100^x = 100,000$$

$$10^{2x} = 10^5$$

$$2x = 5$$

$$x = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$3. 9^{-x+3} = 27^{x-3}$$

$$3^{2(-x+3)} = 3^{3(x-3)}$$

$$-2x+6 = 3x-9$$

$$-5x = -15$$

$$x = 3$$

$$4. 16^{2x} = 9^{3x-5}$$

Need a
new
method

Evaluate each expression. The first two have been completed for you.

a. WhatPower₂(8) = 3

$2^3 = 8$

b. WhatPower₃(9) = 2

$3^2 = 9$

c. WhatPower₆(36) = 2

$6^2 = 36$

d. WhatPower₂(32) = 5

$2^5 = 32$

e. WhatPower₁₀(1000) = 3

$10^3 = 1000$

f. WhatPower₁₀(1,000,000) = 6

$10^6 = 1,000,000$

g. WhatPower₁₀₀(1,000,000) = 3

$100^3 = 1,000,000$

h. WhatPower₄(64) = 3

$4^3 = 64$

i. WhatPower₂(64) = 6

$2^6 = 64$

j. WhatPower₉(3) = $\frac{1}{2}$

$9^{\frac{1}{2}} = 3$

k. WhatPower₅($\sqrt{5}$) = $\frac{1}{2}$

$5^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{5}$

l. WhatPower _{$\frac{1}{2}$} ($\frac{1}{8}$) = 3

$(\frac{1}{2})^3 = \frac{1}{8}$

m. WhatPower₄₂(1) = 0

$42^0 = 1$

•Logarithms help get the variable out of the exponent. Logs are inverses of exponents.

$y = b^x$ (exponential form) is equivalent to: $\log_b(y) = x$ (logarithmic form)

Example: $2^3 = 8$ is equivalent to $\log_2 8 = 3$

Convert the following into exponential form:

1. $\log_5 15625 = 6$

$$5^6 = 15,625$$

2. $\log_{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{1}{16} \right) = 4$

$$\left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^4 = \frac{1}{16}$$

3. $\log_3 27 = 3$

$$3^3 = 27$$

Convert the following into logarithmic form:

4. $7^3 = 343$

$$\log_7 343 = 3$$

5. $\frac{1}{2}^{-5} = 32$

$$\log_{\frac{1}{2}} 32 = -5$$

6. $4^{-3} = \frac{1}{64}$

$$\log_4 \left(\frac{1}{64} \right) = -3$$

What is the purpose of being able to change from one form to the other?

$$\log_3 x = -5$$

$$10^x = 100,000$$

get the variable
away from the
log or out of
the exponent

Practice:

Put the following in exponential form and solve.

1. $\log_2 64 = x$

$$2^x = 64$$

$$2^x = 2^6$$

$$x = 6$$

2. $\log_3 81 = x$

$$3^x = 81$$

$$3^x = 3^4$$

$$x = 4$$

3. $\log_4 \left(\frac{1}{16} \right) = x$

$$4^x = \left(\frac{1}{16} \right)$$

$$4^x = 4^{-2}$$

$$x = -2$$

$$4. \log_5 x = -2$$

$$5^{-2} = x$$

$$\frac{1}{25} = x$$

$$5. \log_{49} x = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$49^{\frac{1}{2}} = x$$

$$7 = x$$

$$6. \log_{16} 64 = x$$

$$16^x = 64$$

$$4^{2x} = 4^3$$

$$2x = 3$$

$$x = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$7. \log_4(5x + 1) = 2$$

$$4^2 = 5x + 1$$

$$16 = 5x + 1$$

$$15 = 5x$$

$$3 = x$$

$$8. \log_6(9x) = 3$$

$$6^3 = 9x$$

$$216 = 9x$$

$$24 = x$$

$$9. \log_2(2x - 4) = 3$$

$$2^3 = 2x - 4$$

$$8 = 2x - 4$$

$$12 = 2x$$

$$6 = x$$

Evaluate.

$$\bullet \log_9(729) = \underline{3}$$

$$\bullet \log_3\left(\frac{1}{243}\right) = \underline{-5}$$

$$\bullet \log_4(4096) = \underline{6}$$

$$\bullet \log_2(-16) = \underline{X}$$

$$\bullet \log_{121}(11) = \underline{\frac{1}{2}} \text{ (square root)}$$

$$\bullet \log_{512}(8) = \underline{\frac{1}{3}} \text{ (cube root)}$$

$$\bullet \log_{37}(1) = \underline{0}$$

$$\bullet \log_{+5}(+78125) = \underline{7}$$

Warm-up:

Solve for x.

1. $\log_4(2x - 4) = 3$

$$4^3 = 2x - 4 \quad \log 8 = 2x$$
$$64 = 2x - 4 \quad x = 34$$

2. $4^{x+5} = 16^x$

$$4^{x+5} = 4^{2x}$$
$$x+5 = 2x$$
$$5 = x$$

Properties of Logarithms: *These properties only work if the bases are the same.*

Property of Equality

$$\log_b x = \log_b y$$

(if $b > 0, b \neq 1$ then $x = y$)

Example: $\log_7 x = \log_7 3$
 $x = 3$

Product Property

$$\log_b mn = \log_b m + \log_b n$$

(if m, n, b are positive, $b \neq 1$)

Example: $\log_7 12 + \log_7 3 = \log_7(12 \cdot 3)$
 $\log_7 36$

Quotient Property

$$\log_b \left(\frac{m}{n}\right) = \log_b m - \log_b n$$

(if m, n, b are positive, $b \neq 1$)

Example: $\log_7 12 - \log_7 3 = \log_7\left(\frac{12}{3}\right)$
 $\log_7 4$

Power Property

$$\log_b m^p = p \log_b m$$

(if m, b are positive, $b \neq 1$ and p is a real number)

Examples: $\log_7 2^3 = 3 \log_7 2$
 $2 \log_7 6 = \log_7 36$

Practice:

1. $\log_6 4x + \log_6 3 = \log_6 84$

$$\log_6(4x \cdot 3) = \log_6 84$$
$$12x = 84$$
$$x = 7$$

2. $\log_2(x+2) - \log_2(x-4) = 2$

$$\log_2 \frac{(x+2)}{(x-4)} = 2$$

$$2^2 = \frac{x+2}{x-4}$$

$$4(x-4) = x+2$$

$$4x - 16 = x + 2$$

$$3x = 18$$

$$x = 6$$

$$3. \log_4 x + \log_4 8 = 4$$

$$\log_4 8x = 4$$

$$4^4 = 8x$$

$$256 = 8x$$

$$32 = x$$

$$4. \log_{11} 6 + 3\log_{11} 2 = \log_{11} 3x$$

$$\log_{11} 6 + \log_{11} 2^3 = \log_{11} 3x$$

$$48 = 3x$$

$$16 = x$$

$$5. 5\log_9 2 = \log_9 4x$$

$$\log_9 2^5 = \log_9 4x$$

$$32 = 4x$$

$$8 = x$$

$$6. 3\log_5 4 - \log_5 2 = \log_5 16x$$

$$\log_5 \frac{4^3}{2} = \log_5 16x$$

$$32 = 16x$$

$$2 = x$$

$$7. \log_6 4x - \log_6 3 = 2$$

$$\log_6 \frac{4x}{3} = 2$$

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

$$108 = 4x$$

$$27 = x$$

$$8. 4\log_{14} 3 = 2\log_{14} x$$

$$\log_{14} 3^4 = \log_{14} x^2$$

$$81 = x^2$$

$$9 = x$$

$$9. \log_2 5 + \log_2 4x = 7$$

$$\log_2 20x = 7$$

$$2^7 = 20x$$

$$128 = 20x$$

$$6.4 = x$$

$$10. \log_5 x + \log_5 (x + 4) = \log_5 32$$

$$\log_5 (x^2 + 4x) = \log_5 32$$

$$x^2 + 4x - 32 = 0$$

$$(x + 8)(x - 4) = 0$$

$$x = \cancel{-8}, x = 4$$

$$11. \log_{12} 6x - \log_{12} (x + 3) = \log_{12} 4$$

$$\log_{12} \frac{6x}{x+3} = \log_{12} 4$$

$$\frac{6x}{x+3} = 4$$

$$4x + 12 = 6x$$

$$12 = 2x$$

$$6 = x$$

$$12. 3\log_3 3 = \log_3 (4x - 11)$$

$$\log_3 3^3 = \log_3 4x - 11$$

$$27 = 4x - 11$$

$$38 = 4x$$

$$9.5 = x$$

$$13. 6\log_4 2 - \log_4 \left(\frac{1}{2}x + 1\right) = 4\log_4 2$$

$$\log_4 \frac{2^6}{\frac{1}{2}x + 1} = \log_4 2^4$$

$$\frac{64}{\frac{1}{2}x + 1} = 16$$

$$8x + 16 = 64$$

$$8x = 48$$

$$x = 6$$

$$14. 2\log_6 12 + \log_6 x = 4$$

$$\log_6 12^2 + \log_6 x = 4$$

$$\log_6 144x = 4$$

$$144x = 6^4$$

$$144x = 1296$$

$$x = 9$$