

The Meaning Of Logarithms

Rewrite each equation in exponential form.

1) $\log_6 36 = 2$

$$6^2 = 36$$

2) $\log_{289} 17 = \frac{1}{2}$

$$289^{\frac{1}{2}} = 17$$

3) $\log_{14} \frac{1}{196} = -2$

$$14^{-2} = \frac{1}{196}$$

4) $\log_3 81 = 4$

$$3^4 = 81$$

Rewrite each equation in logarithmic form.

5) $64^{\frac{1}{2}} = 8$

$$\log_{64} 8 = \frac{1}{2}$$

6) $12^2 = 144$

$$\log_{12} 144 = 2$$

7) $9^{-2} = \frac{1}{81}$

$$\log_9 \frac{1}{81} = -2$$

8) $\left(\frac{1}{12}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{144}$

$$\log_{\frac{1}{12}} \frac{1}{144} = 2$$

Rewrite each equation in exponential form.

9) $\log_u \frac{15}{16} = v$

$$u^v = \frac{15}{16}$$

10) $\log_v u = 4$

$$v^4 = u$$

11) $\log_{\frac{7}{4}} x = y$

$$\left(\frac{7}{4}\right)^y = x$$

12) $\log_2 v = u$

$$2^u = v$$

13) $\log_u v = -16$

$$u^{-16} = v$$

14) $\log_y x = -8$

$$y^{-8} = x$$

Rewrite each equation in logarithmic form.

15) $u^{-14} = v$

$$\log_u v = -14$$

16) $8^b = a$

$$\log_8 a = b$$

$$17) \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^x = y$$

$$\log_{\frac{1}{5}} y = x$$

$$18) 6^y = x$$

$$\log_6 x = y$$

$$19) 9^y = x$$

$$\log_9 x = y$$

$$20) b^a = 123$$

$$\log_b 123 = a$$

Evaluate each expression.

$$21) \log_4 64$$

$$3$$

$$22) \log_6 216$$

$$3$$

$$23) \log_4 16$$

$$2$$

$$24) \log_3 \frac{1}{243}$$

$$-5$$

$$25) \log_5 125$$

$$3$$

$$26) \log_2 4$$

$$2$$

$$27) \log_{343} 7$$

$$\frac{1}{3}$$

$$28) \log_2 16$$

$$4$$

$$29) \log_{64} 4$$

$$\frac{1}{3}$$

$$30) \log_6 \frac{1}{216}$$

$$-3$$

Simplify each expression.

$$31) 12^{\log_{12} 144}$$

$$144$$

$$32) 5^{\log_5 17}$$

$$17$$

$$33) x^{\log_x 72}$$

$$72$$

$$34) 9^{\log_3 20}$$

$$400$$

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You invest \$50,000 into a bank that pays 8% annual interest compounded quarterly.

How many years until you have doubled your investment? $A = P(1 + \frac{r}{n})^{nt}$

$$P = 50,000$$

$$A = 100,000$$

$$r = .08$$

$$n = 4$$

$$100,000 = 50,000(1 + \frac{.08}{4})^{4t}$$

$$2 = 1.02^{4t}$$

$$\log_{1.02}(2) = 4t$$

$$\frac{\log_{1.02}(2)}{4} = t$$

$$t = 8.75$$

8 3/4 years

An exponential function goes through the points (1, 6) and (2, 36) write a model for the function.

variable
is in the
exponent

$$y = ab^x$$

$$6 = ab^1$$

$$\frac{6}{b} = a$$

$$a = 1$$

$$36 = ab^2$$

$$36 = 6 \cdot \frac{b^2}{b}$$

$$6 = b$$

$$y = 1 \cdot 6^x$$

A power function goes through the points (2, 2) and (4, 16) write a model for the function.

raising the
variable to
a power

$$y = ax^b$$

$$16 = a4^b$$

$$\frac{16}{4^b} = a$$

$$\frac{16}{64} = a$$

$$a = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$2 = a2^b$$

$$2 = 16 \cdot \frac{2^b}{4^b}$$

$$\frac{1}{8} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^b$$

$$\log_{1/2}\left(\frac{1}{8}\right) = b$$

$$3 = b$$

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