

Lesson 60 Objective: SWBAT solve exponential equations using logs.

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1) Condense each of the following:

a)  $\frac{\log_3 x + \log_3 y + \log_3 z}{3}$       b)  $2(\log 2x - \log y) - (\log 3 + 2\log 5)$

2) Expand each of the following:

a)  $\log_3(z^2 \sqrt{x})$       b)  $\log_4\left(\frac{a}{b^2}\right)$

$4 \log_3 z^2 + \frac{1}{2} \log_3 x$        $5 \log_8 a - 2 \log_8 b$

① a)  $\frac{\log_7 x + \log_7 y + \log_7 z}{3}$

$\frac{\log_7 xyz}{3} = \frac{1}{3} \log_7 xyz$

$\log_7 (xyz)^{1/3}$

$\log_7 \sqrt[3]{xyz}$

$\log \frac{(x^2/y)^2}{75} \rightarrow \frac{2x^2}{y^2} = \frac{4x^2}{y^2}$

$\log \frac{4x^2}{75y^2} \leftarrow \frac{4x^2}{y^2} \cdot \frac{1}{75}$

Recall: Solve for x.

1)  $3^{3x+4} = 3^{x+10}$       2)  $2^{x+6} = 8^{x-3}$

**Using Logs to Solve Exponential Equations**

Recall using common bases to solve for a variable in the exponent of an equation...

**Common Bases**  
 $64^x = 16$

$(2^6)^x = 2^4$        $(4^3)^x = 4^2$

$6x = 4$        $3x = 2$

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

**Using Logs**  
 $\log 64^x = \log 16$

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$x \log 64 = \log 16$

$\frac{x \log 64}{\log 64} = \frac{\log 16}{\log 64}$

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

When you can't find a common base, then you must use logs to solve!

**Steps:**

- 1) Isolate the base with the variable in the exponent.
- 2) Log both sides
- 3) Drop it like it's hot!
- 4) Solve

**Examples:** Solve each equation to the nearest hundredth.

1)  $3^x = 5$

$\log 3^x = \log 5$

$x \log 3 = \log 5$

$\frac{x \log 3}{\log 3} = \frac{\log 5}{\log 3}$

$x = 1.46$

2)  $12(12^x) = 500$

$\frac{12(12^x)}{12} = \frac{500}{12}$

$12^x = \frac{125}{3}$

$\log 12^x = \log \frac{125}{3}$

$x \log 12 = \log \frac{125}{3}$

$\frac{x \log 12}{\log 12} = \frac{\log \frac{125}{3}}{\log 12}$

$x = 1.50$

3)  $6^{2x} - 3 = 100$

$6^{2x} = 103$

$2x \log 6 = \log 103$

$\frac{2x \log 6}{2 \log 6} = \frac{\log 103}{2 \log 6}$

$x = 1.29$

4)  $5e^{2x} = 50$

$\ln e^{2x} = \ln 10$

$2x \ln e = \ln 10$

$\frac{2x \ln e}{2} = \frac{\ln 10}{2}$

$x = 1.15$

5)  $4 + e^{-3x} = 9$

$e^{-3x} = 5$

$-3x \ln e = \ln 5$

$\frac{-3x \ln e}{-3} = \frac{\ln 5}{-3}$

$x = 5.36$

6)  $2(3)^{2x+1} = 30$

$\frac{2(3)^{2x+1}}{2} = \frac{30}{2}$

$3^{2x+1} = 15$

$(2x+1) \log 3 = \log 15$

$\frac{(2x+1) \log 3}{\log 3} = \frac{\log 15}{\log 3}$

$2x+1 = 2.464973$

$\frac{2x+1}{-1} = \frac{2.464973}{-1}$

$\frac{2x}{2} = \frac{1.464973}{2}$

$x = .73$