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# Learning Goal

# Exponential Basics

## Expanded Form

A number to an exponent is just that number \_\_\_\_\_ by itself.

To write  $(b)^n$  in expanded form, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ by itself \_\_\_\_\_ times.

## Examples

a.  $3^7 =$

b.  $-4^6 =$

c.  $(-4)^6 =$

d.  $3.2^4 =$

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On a Calculator

To evaluate a number to an exponent on your calculator, use the \_\_\_\_\_ button.

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## Fractions Raised to Exponents

A fraction raised to an exponent is just that fraction \_\_\_\_\_ by itself.

$$\left(\frac{b}{c}\right)^n =$$

a.  $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 =$

b.  $\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2 =$

c.  $\left(\frac{-2}{5}\right)^3 =$

d.  $\left(\frac{-2}{5}\right)^4 =$

# The Exponent Laws

1. The Product Rule
2. The Quotient Rule
3. The Power of a Power Rule

## 1. The Product Rule

What is  $6^3 \times 6^4$ ?

What is  $4^3 \times 4^6$ ?

What is  $5^3 \times 5^2$ ?

When multiplying two powers with the  
same base,                the exponents

## 2. The Quotient Rule

What is  $5^5 \div 5^2$ ?

What is  $4^7 \div 4^3$ ?

What is  $6^8 \div 6^6$ ?

When dividing two powers with the same base,

\_\_\_\_\_ the exponents

### 3. The Power of a Power Rule

What is  $(6^3)^4$ ?

What is  $(4^3)^6$ ?

What is  $(5^3)^2$ ?

When raising a power to an exponent

\_\_\_\_\_ the exponents



## Combining the Exponent Laws

Use **GEMA**

1. Deal with **G**roupings
2. Deal with **E**xponents
3. Deal with **M**ultiplication and Division
4. Deal with **A**ddition and Subtraction

$$\frac{(4 \times 4^4)(4^5)^3}{(4^3 \times 4^6)^2}$$

## Combining the Exponent Laws

Simplify. Show your steps!

$$\frac{(3^7 \times 3)^2 (3^2)^3}{(3^2 \times 3^3)^4}$$