

Learning Goal: I will be able to evaluate logarithms and simplify logarithmic expressions and write a power with different bases.

Minds On: Changing bases to solve!

Action: Examples

Consolidation: page 466 Practice + Exit Card

We will be RAFTing at the end of the period this week.

This way, people who don't want to RAFT can practice the material from that day's lesson.

Minds On

Evaluating Logarithms

We should realize by now that a logarithm is an *exponent* and that the logarithm is the answer to the question: ***To what power must the base be raised to produce a specific value?***

Evaluate simple logarithmic expressions using the relationship between powers and logarithms. One strategy is to replace the value with its equivalent power.

$$\text{Value} = \text{Base}^{\text{Exponent}} \quad \text{Exponent} = \log_{\text{Base}} \text{Value}$$

Or by substitution,

$$\text{Exponent} = \log_{\text{Base}} (\text{Base}^{\text{Exponent}})$$

Minds On

Minds On:

1. Evaluate each logarithm.

a) $\log_2 4 = 2$

b) $\log_3 27 = 3$

c) $\log_2 32 = 5$

d) $\log_7 49 = 2$

e) $\log_5 (1/5) = -1$
 $= \log_5 (5^{-1})$

f) $\log_6 1 = 0$

2. Write each logarithm in exponential form.

a) $\log_2 8 = 3$

$$2^3 = 8$$

b) $\log_6 36 = 2$

$$6^2 = 36$$

c) $\log_{16} 4 = \frac{1}{2}$

$$16^{\frac{1}{2}} = 4$$
$$\sqrt{16} = 4$$

d) $\log_5 625 = 4$

$$5^4 = 625$$

e) $\log_3 3 = 1$

$$3^1 = 3$$

f) $\log_{10} 1 = 0$

$$10^0 = 1$$

Minds On

3. Write each exponential equation in logarithmic form.

a) $3^7 = 2187$

$$\log_3 2187 = 7$$

b) $6^6 = 46656$

$$\log_6 46656 = 6$$

c) $5^{-2} = 0.04$

$$\log_5 0.04 = -2$$

d) $7^3 = 343$

$$\log_7 343 = 3$$

e) $8^4 = 4096$

$$\log_8 4096 = 4$$

f) $16^{1.5} = 64$

$$\log_{16} 64 = 1.5$$

Action

Example 1: Use the definition of a logarithm to determine the value of each expression.

a) $\log_4 64$

$$= \log_4 (4^3)$$

$$= 3$$

$$\log_4 64 = 3$$

c) $\log_2(-4)$

$$2^x = -4$$

impossible!

b) $\log_3 \frac{1}{27} = x$

$$3^x = \frac{1}{27}$$

$$3^x = 3^{-3}$$

$$x = -3 \quad \log_3 \frac{1}{27} = -3$$

d) $\log_5 \sqrt[3]{25}$

$$5^x = \sqrt[3]{25}$$

$$5^x = \sqrt[3]{5^2}$$

$$5^x = 5^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

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

$$\log_5 \sqrt[3]{25} = \frac{2}{3}$$

Action

Example 1: Evaluate each of the following logarithms:

a) $\log_6 1$

$$6^x = 1$$

$$6^0 = 1$$

$$x = 0$$

$$\log_6 1 = 0$$

b) $\log_5 5^x$

$$5^y = 5^x$$

$$y = x$$

$$\log_5 5^x = x$$

c) $6^{\log_6 x}$

$$6^{\log_6 x} = y$$

$$\log_6 y = \log_6 x$$

$$x = y$$

$$6^{\log_6 x} = x$$

$$a^x = y$$

$$\log_a y = x$$

Action**Example 3:** Determine an approximate and an exact value of $\log_5 47$.*Solution A:* Guess and check

$$\log_5 47$$

$$5^x = 47$$

$$5^{2.5} = 55.9$$

$$5^{2.25} = 37.4$$

$$5^{2.375} = 45.7$$

$$5^{2.4} = 47.6$$

$$5^{2.39} = 46.8$$

$$5^2 = 25$$

$$5^3 = 125$$

* going half-way
between our
exponents

$$5^{2.395} = 47.2$$

$$5^{2.392} = 47.0$$

* rounded
to 1
decimal
place

$$\log_5 47 \approx 2.392$$

Solution B: Using technology

1. Graph $y = 5^x$ and $y = 47$

2. Find POI

$$\log_5 47 = 2.3922312$$

Consolidation

Exit Questions

Evaluate:

a) $\log_2 64$

$$2^x = 64$$

$$x = 6$$

$$\log_2 64 = 6$$

Consolidation

Exit Questions

Evaluate:

$$\text{b) } \log_{1/4} x = -2$$

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

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

$$16 = x$$

$$x = 16$$

Consolidation

Exit Questions

Evaluate:

c) $\log_2 32^{1/3}$

$$2^x = 32^{1/3}$$

$$2^x = \sqrt[3]{32}$$

$$2^x = \sqrt[3]{2^5}$$

$$2^x = 2^{5/3}$$

$$x = 5/3$$

$$\log_2 32^{1/3} = \frac{5}{3}$$

$$2^x = 32^{1/3}$$

$$2^x = 2^{5(1/3)}$$

$$x = 5/3$$

Consolidation

Exit Questions

$$d) 3^{\log_3 11} = y$$

$$\log_3 y = \log_3 11$$

$$y = 11$$

$$3^{\log_3 11} = 11$$

$$a^x = y$$
$$\log_a y = x$$

Consolidation

Practice

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$$\log 6 = \log_{10} 6$$