

Homework - Exponential Equations Practice

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1. Solve.

a) $2^x = 16$

b) $3^x = 27$

c) $2^x = 128$

d) $5^x = 125$

e) $4^y = 256$

f) $729 = 9^z$

g) $(-3)^x = -27$

h) $(-2)^x = -32$

i) $(-5)^a = 25$

j) $81 = (-3)^x$

k) $-2^x = -16$

l) $-4^y = -64$

m) $-5^x = -625$

n) $(-1)^x = 1$

o) $(-1)^m = -1$

2. Solve.

a) $7^{w-2} = 49$

b) $3^{x+4} = 27$

c) $2^{1-x} = 128$

d) $4^{3k} = 64$

e) $5^{3x-1} = 25$

f) $-81 = -3^{2x+8}$

g) $4^{x-1} = 1$

h) $3^{2-2x} = 1$

i) $(-1)^{2x} = 1$

3. Solve and check.

a) $6^{x+3} = 6^{2x}$

b) $2^{x+3} = 2^{2x-1}$

c) $3^{2y+3} = 3^{y+5}$

d) $2^{4x-7} = 2^{2x+1}$

e) $7^{5d-1} = 7^{2d+5}$

f) $3^{b-5} = 3^{2b-3}$

4. Solve.

a) $16^{2x} = 8^{3x}$

b) $4^t = 8^{t+1}$

c) $27^{x-1} = 9^{2x}$

d) $25^{2-c} = 125^{2c-4}$

e) $16^{2p+1} = 8^{3p+1}$

f) $(-8)^{1-2x} = (-32)^{1-x}$

5. Solve and check.

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

b) $2^y = 4^{x-1}$

c) $9^{2q-6} = 3^{q+6}$

d) $4^x = 8^{x+1}$

e) $27^{y-1} = 9^{2y-4}$

f) $8^{x+3} = 16^{2x+1}$

6. Solve and check.

a) $5^{4-x} = \frac{1}{5}$

b) $10^{y-2} = \frac{1}{10\,000}$

c) $6^{3x-7} = \frac{1}{6}$

d) $3^{3x-1} = \frac{1}{81}$

e) $5^{2n+1} = \frac{1}{125}$

f) $\frac{1}{256} = 2^{2-5w}$

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7. Solve and check.

a) $4^x = 8$

b) $64^z = 16$

c) $(-8)^y = -2$

d) $9^{-x} = 3$

e) $2^{9x} = \frac{1}{8}$

f) $9^{6x} = \frac{1}{27}$

g) $2^x = 16^4$

h) $2^{-2g} = 32$

i) $9^{2t+1} = 27$

8. Solve and check.

a) $9^{x+1} = 27^{2x}$

b) $16^y = 64^{2y-1}$

c) $36^{t-2} = 216^{-2t}$

d) $8^{2x-1} = 16^{x-1}$

e) $25^{1-3x} = 125^{-x}$

f) $16^{3+k} = 32^{1-2k}$

9. Solve and check.

a) $5 = 25^{\frac{x}{2}}$

b) $8 = 2^{\frac{x}{3}}$

c) $9^{\frac{y}{5}} = 27$

d) $\frac{1}{2} = 2^{\frac{a}{3}}$

e) $4^{\frac{x}{4}} = \frac{1}{8}$

f) $\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{\frac{m}{2}} = \frac{4}{9}$

10. Solve.

a) $3(5^{x+1}) = 15$

b) $2(3^{y-2}) = 18$

c) $5(4^x) = 10$

d) $2(4^{v+1}) = 1$

e) $2 = 6(3^{4f-2})$

f) $27(3^{3x+1}) = 3$

11. Solve and check.

a) $2^{x+2} - 2^x = 48$

b) $4^{x+3} + 4^x = 260$

c) $2^{a+5} + 2^a = 1056$

d) $6^{x+1} + 6^{x+2} = 7$

e) $3^{x+3} - 3^{x+1} = 648$

f) $10^{z+4} + 10^{z+3} = 11$

g) $2^{x+2} - 2^{x+5} = -7$

h) $3^{m+1} + 3^{m+2} - 972 = 0$

i) $5^{n+2} - 5^{n+3} = -2500$

(answers on the back)

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1. a) 4 b) 3 c) 7 d) 3 e) 4 f) 3 g) 3 h) 5 i) 2 j) 4 k) 4 l) 3 m) 4
 n) x any even integer o) m any odd integer 2. a) 4 b) -1 c) -6
 d) 1 e) 1 f) -2 g) 1 h) 1 i) all values of x 3. a) 3 b) 4 c) 2 d) 4
 e) 2 f) -2 4. a) 0 b) -3 c) -3 d) 2 e) 1 f) -2 5. a) 1 b) 2 c) 6
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 c) $\frac{1}{2}$ d) $-\frac{1}{2}$ e) $\frac{2}{3}$ f) $-\frac{1}{2}$ 9. a) 1 b) 9 c) $\frac{15}{2}$ d) -3 e) -6 f) -4
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 f) -3 g) -2 h) 4 i) 2 12. The equation is true for all values of

15. **Application** The biological half-life of thyroid hormone T4 is about 6.5 days. If a dose of T4 was not followed by repeat doses,

- a) what fraction of the original dose would remain in the body after 19.5 days?
 b) how long would it take until only 6.25% of the original dose would remain in the body?

16. **Scuba diving** The percent of sunlight, s , that reaches a scuba diver under water can be modelled by the equation

$$s = 0.8^d \times 100\%$$

where d is the depth of the diver, in metres.

- a) At what depth does 64% of sunlight reach the diver?
 b) What percent of sunlight reaches the diver at a depth of 10 m, to the nearest percent?

17. **Application** Determine the half-life of each isotope.

- a) In 30 h, a sample of plutonium-243 decays to $\frac{1}{64}$ of its original amount.
 b) In 40.8 years, a sample of lead-210 decays to 25% of its original amount.
 c) In 2 min, a sample of radium-221 decays to 6.25% of its original amount.

18. **Circulation** Sodium-24 is used to diagnose circulatory problems. The half-life of sodium-24 is 14.9 h. A hospital buys a 40-mg sample of sodium-24. After how long will only 2.5 mg remain?

19. Solve.

a) $\frac{27^x}{9^{2x-1}} = 3^{x+4}$ b) $27^x(9^{2x-1}) = 3^{x+4}$ c) $27^{x+1} = \left(\frac{1}{9}\right)^{2x-5}$

20. Solve.

a) $2^{x^2+2x} = 2^{x+6}$ b) $3^{x^2-2x} = 3^{x-2}$ c) $2^{2x^2-3x} = 2^{x^2-2x+12}$



21. **Half-life** In 8 days, a sample of vanadium-48 decays to $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ of its original amount. Determine the half-life of vanadium-48.

22. Solve and check.

a) $\frac{2^{2x+1}}{2^{x-3}} = 4$ b) $\frac{9^{x+4}}{27^{x-1}} = 81$ c) $\frac{8^{x+2}}{4^{x+3}} = 16^{x-3}$

23. Find x and y if $\frac{16^{x+2y}}{8^{x-y}} = 32$ and $\frac{32^{x+3y}}{16^{x+2y}} = \frac{1}{8}$.

Answers:

- 15) a) $\frac{1}{8}$ b) 26 days 17) 5 h b)
 20.4 years 18) 59.6 h 19 a) -1
 b) 1 c) 1 20 a) 2, -3 b) 1, 2 c) 4, -3
 21) 16 days 22a) -2 b) 7 c) 4
 23) $x = -17, y = 2$