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**Math 9**  
**Lesson 2.4 ~ Exponent Laws (Part 1)**

**Product of Powers**

Product of Powers	Product as Repeated Multiplication	Product as a Power
$2^3 \times 2^5$		
$3^7 \times 3$		
	$(4 \times 4) \times (4 \times 4 \times 4 \times 4 \times 4 \times 4)$	
	$(5 \times 5 \times 5 \times 5 \times 5) \times$ $(5 \times 5 \times 5 \times 5 \times 5 \times 5 \times 5)$	
		$6^9$

**Exponent Law for a Product of Powers:**

$$a^m \times a^n = a^{m+n} \quad a \neq 0$$

To multiply powers with the same base, add the exponents. The variable  $a$  is any integer, except 0. The variables  $m$  and  $n$  are any whole numbers.

**Quotient of Powers**

Quotient of Powers	Quotient as Repeated Multiplication	Quotient as a Power
$7^5 \div 7^3$		
$8^9 \div 8^1$		
	$\frac{9 \times 9 \times 9 \times 9 \times 9 \times 9}{9 \times 9 \times 9}$	
	$\frac{10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10}{10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10}$	
		$11^3$

**Exponent Law for a Quotient of Powers:**

$$a^m \div a^n = a^{m-n} \quad a \neq 0, m \geq n$$

To divide powers with the same base, subtract the exponents. The variable  $a$  is any integer, except 0. The variables  $m$  and  $n$  are any whole numbers; but  $m$  must be greater than  $n$ .

**Example # 1:** Write each expression as a single power.

a)  $8^5 \times 8^7$

b)  $(-4)^{12} \div (-4)$

**Example # 2:** Simplify and evaluate.

a)  $3^6 \times (-3)^2$

b)  $9^2 \times 9^5 \div 9^3$

**Example #3:** Simplify and evaluate.

a)  $6^2 + 6^3 \times 6^2$

b)  $(-10)^4 [ (-10)^6 \div (-10)^4 ] - 10^2$

## Practice

1. Write each product as a single power.

a)  $7^6 \times 7^2 =$

b)  $(-4)^5 \times (-4)^3 =$

c)  $(-2) \times (-2)^3 =$

d)  $10^5 \times 10^5 =$

e)  $7^0 \times 7^1 =$

f)  $(-3)^4 \times (-3)^5 =$

To multiply powers with the same base, add the exponents.

2. Write each quotient as a power.

a)  $(-3)^5 \div (-3)^2 =$

b)  $5^6 \div 5^4 =$

c)  $\frac{4^7}{4^4} =$

d)  $\frac{5^8}{5^6} =$

e)  $6^4 \div 6^4 =$

f)  $\frac{(-6)^8}{(-6)^7} =$

To divide powers with the same base, subtract the exponents.

3. Write as a single power.

a)  $2^3 \times 2^4 \times 2^5 =$

b)  $\frac{3^2 \times 3^2}{3^2 \times 3^2} =$

c)  $10^3 \times 10^5 \div 10^2 =$

d)  $(-1)^9 \div (-1)^5 \times (-1)^0 =$

Which exponent law should you use?

4. Simplify, then evaluate.

a)  $(-3)^1 \times (-3)^2 \times 2$   
=

b)  $9^9 \div 9^7 \times 9^0 =$

c)  $\frac{5^2}{5^0} =$

d)  $\frac{5^5}{5^4} \times 5 =$

See if you can use  
the exponent  
laws to simplify.

5. Identify any errors and correct them.

a)  $4^3 \times 4^5 = 4^8$

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b)  $2^5 \times 2^5 = 2^{25}$

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c)  $(-3)^6 \div (-3)^2 = (-3)^3$

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d)  $7^0 \times 7^2 = 7^0$

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e)  $6^2 + 6^2 = 6^4$

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f)  $10^6 \div 10 = 10^6$

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g)  $2^3 \times 5^2 = 10^5$

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