

# Defining and Evaluating Logarithms Review

Objective: I can evaluate a logarithmic expression

How could we solve each of the following equations algebraically for  $x$ ?

$$x^2 = 9$$

$$3^x = 9$$

What's the difference?

Problems like  $3^x = 9$

are why we have logarithms!

What does this problem mean? Estimate the value for x.

$$5^x = 50$$

Estimate the value for x.

$$3^x = 90$$

$$y^x = z$$

Logarithm Activity! Yay!



What does the following equation mean?

$$\log_4 16 = x$$

Evaluate the following logarithms.

$$\log_2 8$$

$$\log_2 32$$

$$\log_2 \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\log_3 81$$

$$\log_7 243$$

$$\log_4 \frac{1}{64}$$



Exponential Equation

$$b^x = a$$

Logarithmic Equation

$$\longleftrightarrow \log_b a = x$$

Switch between Log and exponential forms

Exponential Equation	Logarithmic Equation
$3^5 = 243$	
	$\log_4 \frac{1}{64} = -3$
$\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^r = s$	
	$\log_{\frac{1}{5}} v = w$

$$y = \log x \quad x = 10^y$$

$$y = \ln x \quad x = e^y$$

Exponential Equation	Logarithmic Equation
$e^5 \approx 148.4$	
	$\ln 6 \approx 1.8$
$10^5 = 100,000$	
	$\log 1,000 = 3$

What about these?

$$\log_{25} 5$$

$$\log_8 2$$

$$\log_{125} 5$$

Notice a pattern?

And these?

$$\log_{\frac{1}{4}} 16$$

$$\log_{\frac{1}{2}} 8$$

$$\log_{\frac{1}{3}} 81$$

Notice a pattern?

Evaluate the following logarithms.

$$\log_{27} 3$$

$$\log_{\frac{1}{4}} 64$$

$$\log_{81} 9$$

$$\log_{\frac{1}{7}} 243$$

Here are some fun ones!

$$\log_{81} \frac{1}{9}$$

$$\log_{16} \frac{1}{2}$$

Last ones.

$$\log_0 3$$

$$\log_{16} -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\log_{16} 0$$



Why don't these work?

$$\log_0 3 \quad \log_{16} -\frac{1}{2} \quad \log_{16} 0$$

Convert to exponential form, then write each side in terms of the same base.

$$\log_2 8$$

$$\log_4 64$$

$$\log_{27} 3$$

BTDub's, this works to evaluate "weird" logs. Find the exact value of each log without a calculator.

$$\log_8 4 \quad \log_{16} 64 \quad \log_4 8 \quad \log_{64} 16$$

You try!

This works for any logarithm!

$$\log_{32} 4$$

$$\log_{27} 9$$

$$\log_{125} 25$$

$$\log_{27} 81$$



