

# SP How Long Does it Take?

## Rational Exponents:

Write each expression in exponential form:

1.  $(\sqrt[3]{v})^7 \sqrt{v}^{7/3}$

2.  $(\sqrt[4]{5x})^3 (5x)^{3/4}$

3.  $\sqrt[7]{x^4} \times x^{4/7}$

4.  $(\sqrt[3]{4y})^4$   
 $(4y)^{4/3}$

5.  $\frac{1}{(\sqrt[5]{y})^{11}}$   
 $\frac{1}{y^{11/5}}$

6.  $\frac{1}{(\sqrt[6]{3b})^5}$   
 $\frac{1}{(3b)^{5/6}}$

Write each expression in radical form. :

7.  $y^{2/3}$   
 $(\sqrt[3]{y})^2$

8.  $b^{1/4}$   
 $\sqrt[4]{b}$

9.  $n^{-5/3}$   
 $\frac{1}{(\sqrt[3]{n})^5}$

10.  $(2c)^{-2/5}$   
 $\frac{1}{(\sqrt[5]{2c})^2}$

11.  $(6x)^{1/7}$   
 $\sqrt[7]{6x}$

12.  $(12y)^{3/8}$   
 $(\sqrt[8]{12y})^3$

Simplify:

13.  $81^{3/4}$   
 $(\sqrt[4]{81})^3$   
 $3^3$   
 $(27)$

14.  $49^{-3/2}$   
 $\frac{1}{(\sqrt{49})^3}$   
 $\frac{1}{7^3}$   
 $(\frac{1}{343})$

15.  $8^{5/3}$   
 $(\sqrt[3]{8})^5$   
 $2^5$   
 $(32)$

16.  $64^{-7/6}$   
 $\frac{1}{(\sqrt[6]{64})^7}$   
 $\frac{1}{2^7}$   
 $(\frac{1}{128})$

17.  $9^{3/2}$   
 $(\sqrt{9})^3$   
 $3^3$   
 $(27)$

18.  $125^{2/3}$   
 $(\sqrt[3]{125})^2$   
 $5^2$   
 $(25)$

Solve for the variable.

19.  $\sqrt[3]{5x-6} = 4$

$$5x-6=64$$

$$5x=70$$

$$x=14$$

20.  $(3x+2)^{2/5} = 4$

$$(\sqrt[5]{3x+2})^2 = 4$$

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

$$3x+2=32$$

$$3x=30$$

$$x=10$$

21.  $\frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{t^3}} = \frac{1}{8}$

$$8 = \sqrt[4]{t^3}$$

$$2 = \sqrt[4]{t}$$

$$16 = t$$

22.  $\sqrt[6]{m^5} = 3125$

$$\sqrt[6]{m} = 5$$

$$m = 15625$$

23. Consider the growth of 20 E. coli bacteria. The number of bacteria doubles every 6 hours.

- a. Write a function, using a rational exponent, for the number of bacteria present after  $x$  hours.

$$f(x) = 20(2)^{x/6}$$

- b. Rewrite the function using the properties of exponents, so that the exponent is an integer. What is the growth rate/percent of growth every hour?

$$f(x) = 20(\sqrt[6]{2})^x$$

$$f(x) = 20(1.122)^x$$

$$r = .122 \text{ or } 12.2\%$$

24. If there are originally 20 bacteria, at what rate/percent are they growing if the population doubles in 7 hours?

$$40 = 20(1+r)^7$$

$$2 = (1+r)^7$$

$$1.10 = 1+r$$

$$r = .10 \text{ or } 10\%$$

- a. What about if the bacteria quadruples in 9 hours?

$$80 = 20(1+r)^9$$

$$4 = (1+r)^9$$

$$1.17 = 1+r$$

$$r = .17 \text{ or } 17\%$$

25. If there are originally 20 bacteria and they double each hour, how long will it take for the population to reach 160 bacteria? Solve the problem algebraically.

$$160 = 20(2)^x$$

$$8 = 2^x$$

$$x = 3 \text{ hrs}$$

26. If there are originally 80 bacteria and they double each hour, how long will it take for the population to reach 1280 bacteria? Solve the problem algebraically.

$$1280 = 80(2)^x$$

$$16 = 2^x$$

$$x = 4 \text{ hrs}$$