

Key

Practice

Logarithmic Functions

Write each equation in exponential form.

1. $\log_3 81 = 4$

$3^4 = 81$

2. $\log_8 2 = \frac{1}{3}$

$8^{1/3} = 2$

3. $\log_{10} \frac{1}{100} = -2$

$10^{-2} = \frac{1}{100}$

Write each equation in logarithmic form.

4. $3^3 = 27$

$\log_3 27 = 3$

5. $5^{-3} = \frac{1}{125}$

$\log_5 \frac{1}{125} = -3$

6. $(\frac{1}{4})^{-4} = 256$

$\log_{1/4} 256 = -4$

Evaluate each expression.

7. $\log_7 7^3 = x$

$7^x = 7^3$

$x = 3$

8. $\log_{10} 0.001 = x$

$10^x = \frac{1}{1000}$

$10^x = (1000)^{-1}$

$10^x = (10^3)^{-1}$

$10^x = 10^{-3}$

$x = -3$

9. $\log_8 4096 = x$

$8^x = 4096$

$8^x = 8^4$

$x = 4$

10. $\log_4 32 = x$

$4^x = 32$

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

$2x = 5$

$x = 5/2$

11. $\log_3 1 = x$

$10^x = (10^3)^{-1}$

$10^x = 10^{-3}$

$x = -3$

12. $\log_6 \frac{1}{216} = x$

$6^x = 216^{-1}$

$6^x = 6^{-3}$

$x = -3$

Solve each equation.

13. $\log_x 64 = 3$

$x^3 = 64$

$x = 64^{1/3}$

$x = 4$

14. $\log_4 0.25 = x$

$4^x = \frac{25}{100}$

$4^x = \frac{1}{4}$

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

$x = -1$

15. $\log_4 (2x - 1) = \log_4 16$

$2x - 1 = 16$

$2x = 17$

$x = \frac{17}{2}$

16. $\log_{10} \sqrt{10} = x$

$10^x = 10^{1/2}$

$x = \frac{1}{2}$

17. $\log_7 56 - \log_7 x = \log_7 4$

$\log_7 \frac{56}{x} = \log_7 4$

$\frac{56}{x} = 4$

$x = \frac{56}{4} = 14$

18. $\log_5 (x + 4) + \log_5 x = \log_5 12$

$\log_5 (x+4)x = \log_5 12$

$x^2 + 4x = 12$

$x^2 + 4x - 12 = 0$

$(x+6)(x-2) = 0$

$x = -6$ extraneous

$x = 2$

19. **Chemistry** How long would it take 100,000 grams of radioactive iodine, which has a half-life of 60 days, to decay to 25,000 grams? Use the formula $N = N_0(\frac{1}{2})^t$, where N is the final amount of the substance, N_0 is the initial amount, and t represents the number of half-lives.

$25000 = 100000 (\frac{1}{2})^t$

$\frac{25000}{100000} = \frac{1}{2}^t$

$\log .25 = t \log \frac{1}{2}$

$t = \frac{\log .25}{\log .5}$

$t = 2$

$60(2) = 120$ days