

Warm Up

Convert each logarithmic equation to an exponential equation. Then solve for the unknown.

1. $\log_{10} 0.1 = x$

2. $\log_2 16 = x$

3. $\log_{10} 10^9 = x$

4. $\log_2 \frac{1}{4} = x$

Exponential Form $y = b^x$	e	Logarithmic Form $x = \log_b y$
$12^2 = 144$	e	
	e	$\log_{16} 4 = \frac{1}{2}$
$10^5 = 100,000$	e	
	e	$\ln 20.086 \approx 3$
$\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^3 = \frac{8}{27}$	e	
	e	$\log_9 27 = \frac{3}{2}$
	e	$\log_2 x = 8$
$6^x = 36$	e	
$n^5 = 243$	e	$\log_n 243 = 5$

1. Arrange the given terms to create a true logarithmic equation.

a. $49, 2, 7$

b. $-3, 6, \frac{1}{216}$

c. $4, 4, 1$

d. $256, 4, 4$

Worked Example

To solve for any unknown in a simple logarithmic equation, begin by converting it to an exponential equation.

Argument Is Unknown	Exponent Is Unknown	Base Is Unknown
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$$\log_4 y = 3$$

$$4^3 = y$$

$$64 = y$$

$$\log_4 64 = x$$

$$4^x = 64$$

$$4^x = 4^3$$

$$x = 3$$

$$\log_b 64 = 3$$

$$b^3 = 64$$

$$b^3 = 4^3$$

$$b = 4$$

3. Solve for the unknown in each logarithmic equation.

a. $\log_8 64 = n$

b. $\log_n \frac{1}{16} = -2$

c. $\log_{\frac{1}{2}} 64 = n$

d. $\log n = -3$

Practice

1. Solve for the unknown in each logarithmic equation.

a. $\log 1000 = n$

c. $\log_{\frac{1}{3}} 81 = n$

b. $\log_n \frac{1}{27} = -3$

d. $\log_8 16 = n$

4. Consider the function $h(x)$, which is formed by translating the function $g(x) = \log_3 x$ right 2 units and down 1 unit.
- Write $h(x)$ in terms of $g(x)$.
 - Complete the table by determining the corresponding point on $h(x)$ for each reference point on $g(x)$.

Reference Point on $g(x)$	Corresponding Point on $h(x)$
$(\frac{1}{3}, -1)$	
$(1, 0)$	
$(3, 1)$	
$(9, 2)$	

- Write $h(x)$ as a logarithmic function.
- List the domain, range, and any asymptotes of the logarithmic function $h(x)$.