

# Warmup $1/(2^2)^2$

1) If  $a = -3$ ,  $b = 6$ , and  $c = -4$ , evaluate the expression.

$$a^3 - b^2 + 5c^2$$

2) Try to find values for  $a$  and  $b$  so that the equation

$a^b = b^a$  is true.  $a$  and  $b$  may not be the same number.

## Extra question:

- **Would you rather have  $2^{40}$  dollars or  $40^2$  dollars?**
  - A) I would rather have  $2^{40}$  dollars.**
  - B) I would rather have  $40^2$  dollars.**
  - C) It doesn't matter, they're the same**

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1)  $(-6)^7$

14) 2

2)  $-24a^{10}$

15) 9

3)  $-35a^5b^5c^5$

16) 4

4)  $8^2$  (or 64)

17) 6

5)  $2t^3$

18) 5

6)  $x^2y^5$

8)  $4^1 \cdot 5^1 \cdot 6^1$  or 120

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# 2 ways to show $(a^5)^2$

Way 1

$$\begin{aligned}(a^5)^2 \\&= (a^5)(a^5) \\&= a^{10}\end{aligned}$$

Way 2

$$\begin{aligned}(a^5)^2 \\&= (a \cdot a \cdot a \cdot a \cdot a)^2 \\&= (a \cdot a \cdot a \cdot a \cdot a)(a \cdot a \cdot a \cdot a \cdot a) \\&= a^{10}\end{aligned}$$

## Taking a Power to a Power (Problems like $(a^5)^2$ )

- Keep the base, multiply the exponents

# What if there's a coefficient?

$$(3y^4)^2$$

**Predictions?**

$$= 3y^4 \cdot 3y^4$$

$$= 3 \cdot y \cdot y \cdot y \cdot y \cdot 3 \cdot y \cdot y \cdot y \cdot y$$

$$= 9y^8$$

**What did we learn?**

*The coefficient goes to the power outside the parentheses, just like any normal number.*

## Taking a Power to a Power

- Keep the base, multiply the exponents

**\*\*\*TREAT COEFFICIENTS AS A NORMAL  
NUMBERS. TAKE THEM TO THE POWER  
OF THE EXPONENT!!!\*\*\***

**(The “pretend the variables aren’t  
there” strategy)**



- $5p^4$

This coefficient is NOT connected to the 4 exponent

- $(5q^2)^4$

This coefficient IS connected to the 4 exponent

But the 5 is NOT connected to the 2 exponent

# Examples

$$1. \quad (x^2)^5 = (x^2) \cdot (x^2) \cdot (x^2) \cdot (x^2) \cdot (x^2) = x^{10}$$

$$2. \quad (a^4b)^2 = (a^4b) \cdot (a^4b) = a^8b^2$$

$$3. \quad (2m^3)^4 = (2m^3) \cdot (2m^3) \cdot (2m^3) \cdot (2m^3) \\ = (2 \cdot m \cdot m \cdot m) \cdot (2 \cdot m \cdot m \cdot m) \cdot (2 \cdot m \cdot m \cdot m) \cdot (2 \cdot m \cdot m \cdot m) \\ = 16m^{12}$$

$$4. \quad \left(\frac{5g^{50}}{6h^{30}}\right)^2 \quad \left(\frac{5g^{50}}{6h^{30}}\right)^2 = \frac{25g^{100}}{36h^{60}}$$

# Super-Crazy Example

$$\frac{x^3 \cdot (x^5 \cdot x)^2}{x^4 \cdot (x^3)^5 \cdot x} \cdot \frac{\left((x^3)^2\right)^2}{x}$$

# Once again...

- **WHEN IN DOUBT, EXPAND IT OUT!!!**

# EXIT TICKET

- Do these on a notecard. You may not get help from me, your classmates, or your notes.

1)  $8x^4 \cdot 4x^8$

2)  $\frac{16y^7}{8y}$

3)  $(3z^5)^3$

# Homework

Textbook p. 35 (2-10 even, 14, 20, 21, 22)