

Log Power Moves

Use log rules to rewrite and evaluate numerical expressions.

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MA.912.NSO.1.6 "Given a numerical logarithmic expression, evaluate and generate equivalent numerical expressions using the properties of logarithms or exponents."

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THE BIG IDEA

For logarithms with the same base, turn multiplication inside into addition outside, division into subtraction, and powers into coefficients. Then rewrite each number as a power of the base to evaluate the expression.

WORKED EXAMPLE

Evaluate $\log_7(49/7)$.

1. Use the quotient rule: $\log_7(49) - \log_7(7)$.
2. Rewrite 49 as 7^2 : $2 - 1$.
3. Subtract: 1.

Answer: 1

PRACTICE 6 problems

1 Evaluate $\log_3(27)$.

ANSWER _____

2 Use logarithm properties to evaluate $\log_5(125 * 25)$.

ANSWER _____

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ANSWER _____

4 Evaluate $\log_6(36^3)$.

ANSWER _____

5 Use logarithm properties to evaluate $\log_5(625/5)$.

ANSWER _____

6 Write as a single logarithm, then evaluate: $4 \log_3(3) + \log_3(9)$.

ANSWER _____

APPLY IT Show your work

- 1** An esports platform gives a bonus rank modeled by $\log_3(243/3)$. What bonus rank does the platform assign?

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ANSWER _____

- 2** A music producer uses a simplified sound-mix rating modeled by $\log_4(64 * 16)$. What rating is shown?

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ANSWER _____

CHALLENGE One step up

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Without multiplying large numbers, evaluate $\log_3(9^4/3^3)$. Explain your reasoning.

PART 1 • PRACTICE

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PART 2 • APPLY IT

- 4** Simplify the quotient to 81. Since $3^4 = 81$, $\log_3(81) = 4$.
- 5** Multiply inside the logarithm to get 1024. Since $4^5 = 1024$, the rating is 5.

CHALLENGE

5, because $9^4/3^3$ equals 3^5 , so $\log_3(3^5) = 5$.

Accept equivalent condensed or expanded logarithmic forms when a prompt asks for a form, as long as the base and value are preserved. For the challenge, require a valid use of exponent or logarithm properties.