

Power Up Math

Write and evaluate expressions with whole-number exponents.

GRADE 6 • NY-6.EE.1

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POWERS SHOW REPEATED FACTORS

An exponent tells how many times to use the base as a factor. Evaluate expressions by doing powers first, then multiply or divide, and then add or subtract.

WORKED EXAMPLE

Evaluate $12^2 - 7$.

1. Rewrite 12^2 as 12×12 .
2. Multiply: $12 \times 12 = 144$.
3. Subtract: $144 - 7 = 137$.

Answer: 137

PRACTICE 6 problems

- 1** Write 5^3 as repeated multiplication. Then evaluate it.

ANSWER _____

- 2** Evaluate $6^4 \div 6$.

ANSWER _____

- 3** Evaluate $(8 + 1)^3$.

ANSWER _____

- 4** Evaluate $3 \times 4^3 + 5$.

ANSWER _____

- 5** Evaluate $10 + 3^3 \times 4$.

ANSWER _____

- 6** Evaluate $11^3 - 100$.

ANSWER _____

APPLY IT Show your work

- 1** In a building game, Maya makes a cube-shaped storage room. It is 6 blocks long, 6 blocks wide, and 6 blocks high. Write an expression with an exponent and find how many unit blocks fill the room.

WORK SPACE

ANSWER _____

- 2** A music app starts with one shared playlist. At each stage, every shared playlist is sent to 3 new listeners. How many shares are made at stage 4? Write and evaluate an expression with an exponent.

WORK SPACE

ANSWER _____

CHALLENGE One step up

Which expression has the greater value, 3^5 or 5^3 ? Evaluate both expressions and explain your reasoning.

WORK SPACE AND ANSWER

PART 1 • PRACTICE

#	PROBLEM	ANSWER
1	Write 5^3 as repeated multiplication. Then evaluate it.	$5 \times 5 \times 5 = 125$
2	Evaluate $6^4 \div 6$.	216
3	Evaluate $(8 + 1)^3$.	729
4	Evaluate $3 \times 4^3 + 5$.	197
5	Evaluate $10 + 3^3 \times 4$.	118
6	Evaluate $11^3 - 100$.	1231

PART 2 • APPLY IT

1. **$6^3 = 216$ unit blocks** Multiply the three equal dimensions: $6 \times 6 \times 6$. Write this as 6^3 and evaluate.
2. **$3^4 = 81$ shares** Each stage multiplies the number of shares by 3. Use 3^4 and evaluate.

CHALLENGE

3^5 is greater because $3^5 = 243$ and $5^3 = 125$.

Accept equivalent repeated-multiplication forms that show the correct number of factors. Students should evaluate powers before completing the other operations.