

Square Power Patterns

Use exponents, squares, and place-value patterns.

GRADE 6 • 6.NS.3

6.NS.3 "The student will recognize and represent patterns with whole number exponents and perfect squares. Recognize and represent patterns with bases and exponents that are whole numbers..."

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POWERS AND SQUARES

A base tells which factor repeats, and an exponent tells how many times it repeats. A perfect square is made by multiplying a whole number by itself, and each higher power of 10 has one more zero.

WORKED EXAMPLE

Find 9^2 .

1. The base is 9 and the exponent is 2.
2. Write $9^2 = 9 \times 9$.
3. Multiply: $9 \times 9 = 81$.

Answer: $9^2 = 81$

PRACTICE 6 problems

- 1** Write 4^3 as repeated multiplication. Then find its value.

ANSWER _____

- 2** Find 7^2 .

ANSWER _____

- 3** Which number is a perfect square, 150 or 169? Write it as a square.

ANSWER _____

- 4** Is 200 a perfect square? Use nearby perfect squares to justify your answer.

ANSWER _____

- 5** Complete the pattern: $10^1 = 10$, $10^2 = 100$, $10^3 = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$, $10^4 = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$.

ANSWER _____

- 6** A square array has 361 tiles. How many tiles are in each side of the array?

ANSWER _____

APPLY IT Show your work

- 1** Maya makes a pixel-art poster with 256 square stickers. She wants to place them in a square grid with the same number of stickers in every row and column. Can she do this? If so, how many stickers will be in each row?

WORK SPACE

ANSWER _____

- 2** A science club sensor records 10^4 data points during a test. Write the number of data points in standard form. How many zeros are in the number?

WORK SPACE

ANSWER _____

CHALLENGE One step up

CHALLENGE

Without a calculator, decide whether 300 is a perfect square. Explain your reasoning by using two nearby perfect squares.

PART 1 • PRACTICE

#	PROBLEM	ANSWER
1	Write 4^3 as repeated multiplication. Then find its value.	$4 \times 4 \times 4 = 64$
2	Find 7^2 .	49
3	Which number is a perfect square, 150 or 169? Write it as a square.	169; $13^2 = 169$
4	Is 200 a perfect square? Use nearby perfect squares to justify your answer.	No; $14^2 = 196$ and $15^2 = 225$, so 200 is not a perfect square.
5	Complete the pattern: $10^1 = 10$, $10^2 = 100$, $10^3 = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$, $10^4 = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$.	$10^3 = 1,000$; $10^4 = 10,000$
6	A square array has 361 tiles. How many tiles are in each side of the array?	19 tiles

PART 2 • APPLY IT

- Yes, 16 stickers in each row.** Since $16 \times 16 = 256$, 256 is a perfect square. The grid can have 16 rows and 16 columns.
- 10,000 data points; 4 zeros.** The exponent 4 means the power of 10 has four zeros. Therefore, $10^4 = 10,000$.

CHALLENGE

No. $17^2 = 289$ and $18^2 = 324$. Since 300 is between 289 and 324, it is not a perfect square.

Accept equivalent repeated-multiplication forms using $\times$ or parentheses. For perfect-square justifications, accept any correct nearby whole-number squares that show the number lies between consecutive perfect squares.