

**Math 8 Challenge: Exponents extension**

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1. Find the units digit of  $8^{1242}$ .
2. What is the units digit of  $2^{63}$ ,  $2^{1568}$ ?
3. What is the units digit of  $29^{57}$ ?
4. Which of the numbers from 1–9 has the same units digits when that number is taken to any exponent  $x$ ,  $x > 0$ .
5. Between the digits of a two-digit square, a third digit is inserted to create a three-digit square. Find the number of three-digit squares that can be obtained by this process.
6. If  $x = 2$  and  $y = -3$ , find the value of  $x^3 - y^3$ .
7. If  $a = 2$ ,  $b = 3$ , and  $c = 4$ , find the value of  $bc^a$ .
8. Find the value of  $-2^2 - 3^2$ .
9. If  $x = 2$  and  $y = 3$ , find  $-x^2 + (-y)^3$ .
10. When the number 4 is squared and then doubled, what must be added to the answer to have a sum of  $7^2$ ?
11. a) If the population of rabbits triples every year, how many rabbits will there be in 5 years if there are currently 2?  
b) How many in 10 years?  
c) Create a formula to calculate the population of rabbits in  $n$  years.
12. If a bacteria population starts at 100 and quadruples every hour, how many bacteria will there be in 6 hours?

13. Britney Gallivan was the first person to fold a piece of paper in half 12 times, something which had previously been believed to be impossible. How many layers of paper would be in that stack?
14. Given that  $2^x + 2^x + 2^x + 2^x = 128$ , what is the value of  $(x + 1)(x - 1)$ ?
15. What is the remainder when  $2^{133}$  is divided by 5?
16. Aaron gave Levi the combination to his lock as a mystery to solve. There are three whole numbers in the locker combination. Aaron gave Levi the following clues.
- Each number is greater than 0 and less than 40.
  - The first number is a prime number greater than 31
  - The second number has nine distinct positive integer factors
  - If you take the product of the square of 3 and the cube of 2, and then reverse the digits, you have the third number.

What is the sum of the three numbers in the combination?

**Answers:**

1. 4
2. 8, 6
3. 9
4. 1,5,6
5. Three numbers with this property.
6. 35
7. 48
8. -13
9. -31
10. 17
11. a) 486 b) 118 098 c)  $P = 2 \times 3^n$
12. 409 600
13. 4096
14. 24
15. 2
16. 100