

This worksheet aims to help you master the laws of indices so that you can simplify expressions involving powers easily. Work through each question carefully and show all your workings.

## Easy Questions

- 1. Evaluate  $2^3 \times 2^2$ .
- 2. Simplify  $\frac{3^5}{3^2}$ .
- 3. Compute  $5^0$ .
- 4. Simplify  $(2^2)^3$ .
- 5. Evaluate  $10^4 \times 10^0$ .

## Intermediate Questions

11. Simplify 
$$5^3 \times 5^2$$
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12. Simplify  $\frac{8^7}{8^4}$ .  
13. Simplify  $(7^2)^3$ .  
14. Simplify  $\frac{(2^5)^2}{2^3}$ .  
15. Simplify  $x^3 \times x^4$ .  
16. Simplify  $\frac{y^8}{y^5}$ .  
17. Simplify  $2^3 \times 2^4 \times 2^2$ .  
18. Simplify  $\frac{3^6 \times 3^2}{3^4}$ .  
19. Simplify  $[(a^2)^3 \times a^4]$ .  
20. Simplify  $\frac{b^7}{(b^2)^2}$ .  
21. Simplify  $(2^2)^3 \times 2^3$ .

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22. Simplify  $\frac{(c^5)^2}{c^4}$ . 23. Simplify  $(4^2)^3$ . 24. Express  $\frac{a^m}{a^n}$  in its simplest form. 25. Simplify  $\frac{(d^3)^3}{d^5}$ .

## Hard Questions

- 21. Simplify  $\frac{(2^3 \times 2^2)^3}{2^7}$ . 22. Simplify  $\frac{(x^2)^5 \times x^3}{(x^4)^2}$ . 23. Simplify  $\left(\frac{3^4}{3^2}\right)^3$ . 24. Simplify  $\frac{(5^3 \times 5^2)^2}{5^7}$ . 25. For any non-zero number a, simplify  $\frac{(a^3)^4 \times a^2}{a^5}$ . 26. Simplify  $\frac{((2^2)^3)^2}{2^8}$ . 27. Given that  $2^x = 16$ , find  $2^{x+2}$ . 28. Simplify  $\frac{(7^3 \times 7^{-1})^2}{7^4}$ .
- 29. Express  $\left(\frac{a^5}{a^2}\right)^3$  in its simplest form.  $(3^2 \times 3^{-3})^3$

30. Evaluate 
$$\frac{(3^2 \times 3^{-3})}{3^{-3}}$$

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