

Algebra 1
Properties of Exponents -Day 3

Write in expanded form and then simplify if possible. Then identify a rule you could use for the quotient of powers.

1. $\frac{8^4}{8^6}$

$\frac{8 \cdot 8 \cdot 8 \cdot 8}{8 \cdot 8 \cdot 8 \cdot 8 \cdot 8 \cdot 8}$
 $\frac{1}{8^2} = \boxed{\frac{1}{64}}$

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

$\frac{(-3)(-3)(-3)}{(-3)(-3)}$
 $\frac{(-3)}{1} = \boxed{-3}$

3. $\frac{4x^5}{2x^3}$

$\frac{2 \cancel{4} \times \times \times \times \times}{1 \cancel{2} \times \times \times}$
 $\frac{2x^2}{1} = \boxed{2x^2}$

4. $\frac{a^3b}{a^2b^4}$

$\frac{\cancel{a} \cdot \cancel{a} \cdot a \cdot b}{\cancel{a} \cdot \cancel{a} \cdot b \cdot b \cdot b}$
 $\boxed{\frac{a}{b^3}}$

Rule # 6 : Quotient of Powers Property $\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}$

When you divide powers that have the same base:

subtract the exponents, put the base and new exponent where the larger exponent was.

Practice Problems:

5. $\frac{a^9}{a^5}$

top exponent is larger
 $a^{9-5} = a^4$
 $\frac{a^4}{1} = \boxed{a^4}$

6. $\frac{y^3}{y^5}$

bottom larger
 $y^{3-5} = y^{-2}$
 $\boxed{\frac{1}{y^2}}$

7. $\frac{-8x^3}{16x}$

$x^{3-1} = x^2$
 $\frac{-1x^2}{2} = \boxed{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$

8. $\frac{-x^3y^8}{x^5y^4}$

$\frac{-y^4}{x^2} = \boxed{-\frac{y^4}{x^2}}$

Write in expanded form and then simplify if possible. Then identify a rule you could use for the power of a quotient.

9. $\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2$

$\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)$
 $\frac{2^2}{3^2} = \boxed{\frac{4}{9}}$

10. $\left(\frac{-3}{y}\right)^3$

$\frac{-3}{y} \cdot \frac{-3}{y} \cdot \frac{-3}{y}$
 $\frac{(-3)^3}{y^3} = \boxed{-\frac{27}{y^3}}$

11. $\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^5$

$\frac{1}{x} \cdot \frac{1}{x} \cdot \frac{1}{x} \cdot \frac{1}{x} \cdot \frac{1}{x}$
 $\frac{1^5}{x^5} = \boxed{\frac{1}{x^5}}$

Rule # 7 : Power of a Quotient Property $\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^m = \frac{a^m}{b^m}, b \neq 0$

When you find the power of a quotient:

distribute the power to the numerator and denominator

Practice Problems:

$$12. \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{-3}$$

$$\frac{(1)^{-3}}{(4)^{-3}} = \frac{(4)^3}{(1)^3}$$

$$= \boxed{64}$$

$$13. \left(\frac{4}{a}\right)^0$$

$$\frac{4^0}{a^0} = \frac{1}{1} = \boxed{1}$$

**flip the whole fraction*

$$14. \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^{-1}$$

$$\frac{2^{-1}}{5^{-1}} = \boxed{\frac{5}{2}}$$

$$15. \left(\frac{8}{b^2}\right)^3$$

$$\frac{8^3}{(b^2)^3} = \boxed{\frac{512}{b^6}}$$

$$16. \left(\frac{-3x}{y^6}\right)^2$$

$$\frac{(-3x)^2}{(y^6)^2} = \frac{(-3)^2 x^2}{y^{12}}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{9x^2}{y^{12}}}$$

$$17. \left(\frac{x^{-2}}{y}\right)^3$$

$$\frac{x^{-6}}{y^3} = \boxed{\frac{1}{x^6 y^3}}$$

$$18. \left(\frac{-2x^{-2}}{y}\right)^3$$

$$\frac{(-2)^3 x^{-6}}{y^3} = \boxed{\frac{-8}{x^6 y^3}}$$

$$19. \left(\frac{-2x^{-2}}{y}\right)^{-3}$$

$$\frac{(-2)^{-3} x^6}{y^{-3}}$$

$$\frac{X^6 y^3}{(-2)^3} = \boxed{-\frac{X^6 y^3}{8}}$$

Mixed Practice: Simplify Completely.

$$1.) \frac{3^9}{3^5}$$

$$3^4 = \boxed{81}$$

$$2.) \frac{d^6}{5d^3}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{d^3}{5}}$$

$$3.) \frac{-9a^2}{18a^3}$$

$$\boxed{-\frac{1}{2a}}$$

$$4.) \frac{24a^3 b^5 c}{8a^3 b^2 c}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{3b^3}{a^2}}$$

$$5.) \left(\frac{2}{7}\right)^{-2}$$

$$\frac{2^{-2}}{7^{-2}} = \frac{7^2}{2^2} = \boxed{\frac{49}{4}}$$

$$6.) \left(\frac{a}{5}\right)^3$$

$$\frac{a^3}{5^3} = \boxed{\frac{a^3}{125}}$$

$$7.) \left(\frac{3x}{y}\right)^4$$

$$\frac{3^4 x^4}{y^4} = \boxed{\frac{81x^4}{y^4}}$$

$$8.) \left(\frac{-2w^2}{t^{-1}}\right)^2$$

$$\frac{(-2)^2 w^4}{t^{-2}} = 4w^4 t^2$$

$$= \boxed{4t^2 w^4}$$

$$9.) \frac{x^3 \cdot x^5}{x^2}$$

$$\frac{x^8}{x^2} = \boxed{x^6}$$