## Questions: Solving exponential equations

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## **Summary**

A selection of questions for the study guide on solving equations involving indices.

Before attempting these questions, it is highly recommended that you read Guide: Solving exponential equations.

Solve each of the exponential equations below for the variable in the equation. If an equation has more than one variable, solve for the variable stated.

1. 
$$\sqrt[4]{m-4} = 5$$

2. 
$$x^4 = 2^8$$

3. 
$$11^x = 121^{(x-1)}$$

4. 
$$y^{0.5} = 23$$

$$5. \quad 8^{2-x} = 2^{4+3x}$$

6. 
$$2^{3x} = 10$$

7. 
$$5^{3-a} = 625$$

8. 
$$16^{2x} = 4^{x-1}$$

9. 
$$7^{2-x} = 4^{2x+3}$$

10. 
$$16 = 8^{3-7x}$$

11. 
$$e^{3-8p} - 9 = 0$$

12. 
$$e^{4-3q} + 8 = 12$$

13. 
$$\sqrt[3]{2^{4l} - 4} = 5$$

14. 
$$\sqrt[3]{e^{2h} - 13} = 81^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

15. 
$$\frac{5xa^{-7}b^9}{9a^2b^{-10}} = \frac{25b^{19}}{3a^9} \text{, solve for } x.$$

16. 
$$4^x \cdot 2^x = 64$$

17. 
$$\frac{5^{x+1} \cdot 6^{x+1}}{3^{x+1}} = 100$$

18. 
$$\frac{\left[\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x \cdot \left(\frac{-1}{4}\right)^x\right]}{\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^x} = -\frac{27}{4096}$$

19. 
$$3^{b+1} = 7^b$$

$$20. \quad 5^{x+1} + 5^x = 12$$

21. 
$$2^{3z-1} = 10^z$$

22. 
$$2^{2v} - 2^{v+3} - 2^4 = 0$$

After attempting the questions above, please click this link to find the answers.

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