Explore higher powers and roots





Match the calculations and answers.

 3^4

64

H

4³

$$5 \times 5 \times 5$$

243

$$3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3$$

125

3⁵

$$4 \times 4 \times 4$$

81

Without using a calculator, evaluate the values.

a) $4^3 =$

d)
$$(-11)^2 =$$

g) $3^6 =$

b) $6^2 =$

e)
$$5^3 =$$

h) $10^1 =$

f)
$$(-5)^3 =$$

Work out the values.

The cube of 8 =

The cube root of -8 =

The cube root of 8 =

Write the calculations in the correct columns.

4²

 2^4

4³

Answer of 16	Answer of 64	Answer of 81

Fill in possible missing numbers to make the number sentences correct. Use a calculator to help you.

= 256 a)

b) = 81

c) = 64

= 64

Can you find any other numbers that have more than one calculation involving a power?



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a) Use a calculator to complete the tables.

30	3 ¹	3 ²	3 ³	3 ⁴	3 ⁵	3 ⁶	3 ⁷
1	3	9					

(-3)0	(-3)1	(-3)2	(-3) ³	(-3)4	(−3) ⁵	(-3) ⁶	(-3) ⁷
1	-3	9					

b) What patterns do you notice between the tables?

c) How do you know that (-2.5)8 will be positive?

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Circle all the calculations that will have a negative answer.

- 5⁷
- **(-4)**⁷
- $(-5)^4$
- **(−6)**³

- $(-3)^6$
- (-11.8)¹⁵
- **(-7)**⁸⁰
- 17³⁹

Compare answers with a partner.

What do you notice?

8 Work out the calculations.

Use a calculator to help you.

a)
$$\sqrt[1]{27} =$$

c)
$$\sqrt[5]{32} =$$

b)
$$\sqrt[4]{1,296} =$$

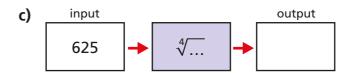
d)
$$\sqrt[5]{3,125} =$$

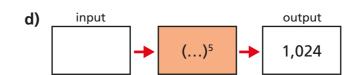
Is there more than one possible solution for any of the questions?

Complete the function machines.

Use a calculator to help you.

a) input output
$$-27$$
 \rightarrow $\sqrt[3]{...}$





10 Tommy and Rosie think of the same number.

Tommy squares the number.

Rosie cubes the number.

Tommy's answer is greater than Rosie's.

What number could Tommy and Rosie be thinking of?

How many different solutions can you find?



