

Positive Indices

$$6^4 = 6 \times 6 \times 6 \times 6 = 6^2 \times 6^2 = 36 \times 36 = 6^3 \times 6 = 216 \times 6 = 1296$$

Work out the answers to these.

1. 5^3 2. 6^2 3. 7^4 4. 3^7 5. 6^3 6. 8^3 7. 10^6
8. 4^5 9. 5^4 10. 6^5 11. 5^6 12. 9^2 13. 2^9 14. 8^3

Negative Indices

$$6^{-1} = 1/6, \quad 6^{-2} = 1/(6 \times 6) = 1/36 = 1/6^2, \quad 6^{-3} = 1/(6 \times 6 \times 6) = 1/6^3 = 1/216$$

Work out the answers to these.

1. 4^{-3} 2. 6^{-2} 3. 7^{-3} 4. 5^{-2} 5. 10^{-1} 6. 10^{-2} 7. 10^{-3}

Fractional Indices

$$6^{1/2} = \sqrt{6}, \quad 6^{1/3} = \sqrt[3]{6}, \quad 6^{2/3} = (\sqrt[3]{6})^2$$

Things to play with

Is there a pattern to any of the following:

$$3^{n+2} - 3^n \text{ where } 0 < n < 9$$

$$4^{2n} + 4^{n+2} \text{ where } 0 < n < 9$$

$$5^n - 3^n \text{ where } 0 < n < 9$$