

## Warm Up!

Rewrite each of the following exponent expressions as a multiplication sentence.

1.  $2^2$

$2 \cdot 2$

2.  $b^3$

$b \cdot b \cdot b$

3.  $2^2b^3$

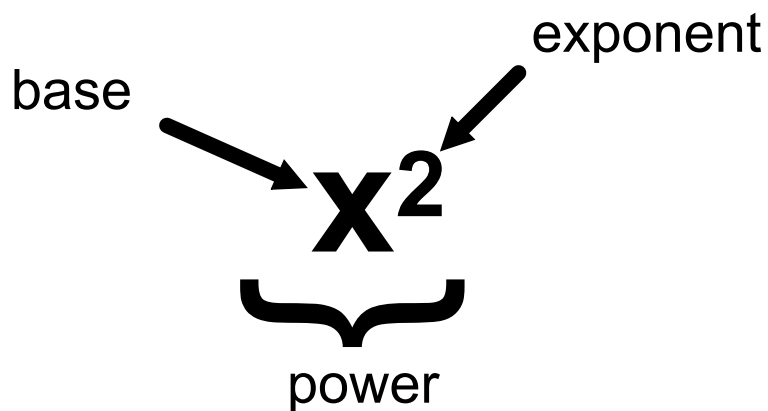
$2 \cdot 2 \cdot b \cdot b \cdot b$   
 $b \cdot 2 \cdot b \cdot 2 \cdot b$

# Multiplication Properties of Exponents

## Clear Learning Target

*You will be able to simplify exponential expressions using the multiplication rules of exponents.*

## Words Worth Knowing - Review!



**Example #1:** Simplify.  $b^3 \cdot b^5$

$$= \underbrace{b \cdot b \cdot b}_{b^3} \cdot \underbrace{b \cdot b \cdot b \cdot b \cdot b}_{b^5} = b^{3+5} = b^8$$

$$= b^8$$

$$6n^3 \cdot 2n^7$$

$$6 \cdot n \cdot n \cdot n \cdot 2 \cdot n \cdot n \cdot n \cdot n \cdot n \cdot n = 6 \cdot 2 \cdot n^{3+7}$$

$$6 \cdot 2 \cdot n \cdot n \cdot n \cdot n \cdot n \cdot n \cdot n \cdot n = 12n^{10}$$

★ **RULE:** Add exponents of same variables

**You Try!** Simplify.  $3x^2 \cdot 7x^5$

$$= 3 \cdot 7 \cdot x^{2+5}$$

$$= 21x^7$$

**Example #2:** Simplify.  $(r^4)^3$

$$= r^4 \cdot r^4 \cdot r^4$$

$$= r^{4+4+4} = r^{12}$$

$$= r^{4 \cdot 3} = r^{12}$$

$$[(2^3 \cdot 2)^4]$$

$$(2^{3 \cdot 2})^4 = (2^6)^4$$

$$= 2^{6 \cdot 4} = 2^{24}$$

$$2^{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 4} = 2^{24}$$

RULE: Multiply exponents!

**You Try!** Simplify.  $[(t^2)^2]^4$

$$= t^{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 4} = t^{16}$$

**Example #3:** Simplify.  $(tw)^3$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= tw \cdot tw \cdot tw \\
 &= t \cdot t \cdot t \cdot w \cdot w \cdot w \\
 &= t^3 w^3
 \end{aligned}
 \qquad
 \begin{aligned}
 &= t^{1 \cdot 3} w^{1 \cdot 3} \\
 &= t^3 w^3
 \end{aligned}$$

$(2yz^2)^3$

$$2^3 \cdot y^3 \cdot z^{2 \cdot 3} = 8y^3z^6$$

**RULE:** Distribute the outer exponent to all inner exponents

**You Try!** Simplify.  $(4a^4b^9c)^2$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 4^2 a^{4 \cdot 2} b^{9 \cdot 2} c^2 \\
 &= 16 a^8 b^{18} c^2
 \end{aligned}$$