

**Unit 1A Day 5: Simplifying Terms: The Quotient Rule of Exponents**

Focus Question: How do I divide when the terms have the same base?

A. Use of expanded form

1. Write each of the following in expanded form. Then write the answer in exponential form.

Problem	Expanded Form	Exponential Form
$\frac{2^6}{2^4}$	$\frac{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2}{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2}$	$2^2$
a) $\frac{3^5}{3^2}$	$\frac{3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3}{3 \cdot 3}$	$3^3$
b) $\frac{4^8}{4^3}$	$\frac{4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4}{4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4}$	$4^5$
c) $5^7 \div 5$		
d) $\frac{x^9}{x^4}$		
e) $y^4 \div y^1$	$\frac{y \cdot y \cdot y \cdot y}{y}$	$y^3$

2. Finish the following equation to express the **Quotient Rule of Exponent** (assume  $a \neq 0$ ).

*the terms are being divided*

3. Why can the base not equal zero?

*b/c you can NOT divide by zero*

4. Let's practice without writing expanded form. BUT STILL SHOW WORK

$$\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}$$

Problem	Work	Final Answer
$\frac{7^8}{7^2}$	$8-2$	$7^6$ or
$4^3 \div 4^{-7}$	$3 - (-7)$	$4^{10}$ or
$\frac{x^9}{x^3}$	$9-3$	$x^6$
$m^1 \div m^{-7}$	$1 - (-7)$	$m^8$
$\frac{b^{20}}{b^4}$	$20-4$	$b^{16}$

*117,649* ← prefer this one  
*1,048,576*

B. Challenge Problems: Simplify each expression

7)  $\frac{10p^4}{6p}$

$\frac{10}{6} \cdot \frac{p^4}{p^1}$   
 $\frac{5}{3} p^{4-1}$

$\frac{5p^3}{3}$   
 or  
 $\frac{5}{3} p^3$

18)  $\frac{18x^8y^8}{10x^3}$

$\frac{18}{10} \cdot \frac{x^8}{x^3} \cdot y^8$   
 $\frac{9}{5} x^{8-3} y^8$

$\frac{9x^5y^8}{5}$   
 or  
 $\frac{9x^5y^8}{5}$

16)  $\frac{4y^4}{14yx^8}$

$\frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{y^4}{y} \cdot \frac{1}{x^8}$   
 $\frac{2}{7} y^{4-1} \cdot \frac{1}{x^8}$

$\frac{2y^3}{7x^8}$

C. Dividing in Scientific Notation

$6 \times 10^7 \div 2 \times 10^3$

$3 \times 10^4$  or 30,000

$\frac{4 \times 10^4}{8 \times 10^7}$

$\frac{.5 \times 10^{-3}}{5 \times 10^{-1} \times 10^{-3}}$

$5 \times 10^{-4}$  or 0.0005

$\frac{8.1 \cdot 10^5}{9 \cdot 10^2}$

Word Problems: For each problem indicate how you know to divide. Then answer the question in both scientific notation and standard form.

4. There are  $1.5 \times 10^{10}$  pieces of pizza eaten every year in America. How many slices does a single American eat?

slices per person

$\frac{1.5 \times 10^{10}}{3.24 \times 10^8}$

$\frac{1.5}{3.24} \times 10^{10-8}$   
 $0.46 \times 10^2$

$4.6 \times 10^{-1} \times 10^2$

$4.6 \times 10^1$  pieces  
 or  
 46 pieces



round  $\nearrow$   
 $3.24 \times 10^8$

5. A space shuttle must travel  $1.75 \times 10^4$  miles per hour to stay in orbit. Mars is  $1.4 \times 10^8$  miles from earth. How long would it take to get to Mars?



$\frac{d}{v} = \frac{r \cdot t}{r}$



$\frac{1.4 \times 10^8}{1.75 \times 10^4}$

$0.8 \times 10^4$

$8 \cdot 10^{-1} \times 10^4$

$8 \cdot 10^3$  hours  
 or  
 8000 hours

$\approx 333$  days