

Multiplying Powers

1. Write using exponents or simplify.

a. $b \cdot b \cdot b \cdot b$

b. $b + b + b + b$

c. $2 \cdot p \cdot m \cdot m \cdot p \cdot m$

d. $a + a + a + b + b$

2. Complete.

a. $(p^2)(p^3) = (p \cdot p)(\square \cdot \square \cdot \square) = p^{\square}$

b. $(p^2)^3 = (p^2)(\square)(\square) = p^{\square}$

c. $(2w^5)^2 = (\square)(\square) = \square w^{\square}$

d. $(-5p)^3 = (\square)(\square)(\square) = \square p^{\square}$

3. Here are some errors. Fix them.

a. $(3p)^2 = 3p^2$

b. $6(ab)^2 = 6ab^2$

c. $(2x^3)(4x^7) = 8x^{21}$

d. $(2x^2y)^5 = 32x^2y^5$

4. Simplify.

a. $(m^2)(m^7)(2n)(5n)$

b. $(x^2y)(x^4y^6)$

c. $(ab^3)^5$

d. $(4r)^2$

e. $(3s^5)^2$

f. $-2(xy)^4$

g. $(0.1w)^2(10w)^3$

h. $(4s^{10})(2s^3)^2$

i. $(-2x^3)(-2x)^3$

j. $\left(\frac{1}{3}x\right)^3$

k. $\left(-\frac{2}{5}z^2y\right)^2$

l. $\left(\frac{1}{2}xy\right)^3(10x^2y^5)$

m. $\left(\frac{2}{5}x\right)^2(15x^4)$

n. $\left(-\frac{2}{5}m^2\right)\left(\frac{15}{16}m^6\right)$

o. $\left(-\frac{2}{3}y\right)^2(-9y)^4$

p. $[(-4)^2]^2$

q. $[(2x)^3]^2$

r. $[(-4a)^2]^4$

5. a. Find an integer m so that $(a + b)^m = a^m + b^m$ is true for all real numbers a and b .

b. Find a and b so that $(a + b)^2 = a^2 + b^2$.

c. Find a and b so that $(a + b)^2 \neq a^2 + b^2$.

6. Complete the proof that shows what the value of x^0 is.

Let x be any real number, and m be any positive integer > 0 . Then, according to the law of multiplication of exponents, $(x^m)(x^0) = x^{\square + \square} = x^{\square}$.

Looking at the first and the last expressions in the equation above, $(x^m)(x^0) = x^m$

So x^0 must be \square , since that is the only number that does not change the result of multiplication.