

# Bellringer

1. Simplify the expression by using an exponent.

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

2. Solve the equation for x

$$x^2 = 81$$

3. The expression  $5^{-1}$  can also be written as what fraction?

4. Complete the equation:

$$3^2 \times 3^7 = 3^{\text{—}}$$

## **2.2 Scientific Notation with Positive Powers of 10**

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Use numbers expressed in the form of a single digit times an integer power of 10 to estimate very large or very small quantities, and to express how many times as much one is than the other

## Vocabulary

Scientific Notation - method of expressing very large and very small numbers as a product of a number greater than or equal to 1 and less than 10, and a power of 10  
ex:  $3.21 \times 10^5$

Standard Notation - a number that is completely written in numerical form  
ex: 321,000

## EXPLORE ACTIVITY



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## Using Scientific Notation

**Scientific notation** is a method of expressing very large and very small numbers as a product of a number greater than or equal to 1 and less than 10, and a power of 10.

The weights of various sea creatures are shown in the table. Write the weight of the blue whale in scientific notation.

Sea Creature	Blue whale	Gray whale	Whale shark
Weight (lb)	250,000	68,000	41,200



- A** Move the decimal point in 250,000 to the left as many places as necessary to find a number that is greater than or equal to 1 and less than 10.

What number did you find? 2.5

- B** Divide 250,000 by your answer to **A**. Write your answer as a power of 10.

100,000 ; 10<sup>5</sup>

- C** Combine your answers to **A** and **B** to represent 250,000.

$$250,000 = 2.5 \times 10^5$$

Repeat steps **A** through **C** to write the weight of the whale shark in scientific notation.

$$41,200 = 4.12 \times 10^4$$

250,000

41,200

## Writing a Number in Scientific Notation

- To translate between Standard notation and Scientific notation, you count the number of places the decimal point moves
- When Standard notation is greater than or equal to 10, use a positive exponent

**EXAMPLE 1**

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The distance from Earth to the Sun is about 93,000,000 miles. Write this distance in scientific notation.

**STEP 1**

Move decimal in 93,000,000 to the left until we find a number greater than or equal to 1 and less than 10

$$\underline{93,000,000} = 9.3$$

**STEP 2**

Divide our original number by the result  
 $= 10,000,000 = 7 \text{ places}$

(count how many decimal places you moved)

**STEP 3**

Write product of the result

$$9.3 \times 10^7$$

Is  $12 \times 10^7$  written in Scientific notation?

No, because 12 is greater than 10

\* Check definition of scientific notation

**ADDITIONAL EXAMPLE 1**

The average distance from Earth to Mars is about 140,000,000 miles. Write this distance in scientific notation.

$$1.4 \times 10^8$$

140,000,000



**YOUR TURN** 

Write each number in scientific notation.

3. 6,400

          
 $6.4 \times 10^3$

4. 570,000,000,000

          
 $5.7 \times 10^{11}$

5. A light-year is the distance that light travels in a year and is equivalent to 9,461,000,000,000 km. Write this distance in scientific notation.

          
 $9.461 \times 10^{12}$

## Writing a Number in Standard Notation

- To translate from scientific notation to standard notation, move decimal point the number of places indicated by the exponent in the power of 10
- When exponent is positive, move decimal to the right and add place holder zeros where needed

**EXAMPLE 2**COMMON  
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Write  $3.5 \times 10^6$  in standard notation.

**STEP 1**

Use the exponent to see how many places to move decimal  
6 places

**STEP 2**

Move decimal and add zeros where needed

$$3.5 \underbrace{000000}_{6 \text{ places}} = 3,500,000$$

**ADDITIONAL EXAMPLE 2**

Write  $7.8 \times 10^9$  in standard notation.

7.8 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

7,800,000,000

**YOUR TURN** 

Write each number in standard notation.

8.  $7.034 \times 10^9$

7,034,000,000

9.  $2.36 \times 10^5$

236,000

10. The mass of one roosting colony of Monarch butterflies in Mexico was estimated at  $5 \times 10^6$  grams. Write this mass in standard notation.

5,000,000 grams

## Guided Practice

Write each number in scientific notation. ([Explore Activity and Example 1](#))

1. 58,927

Hint: Move the decimal left 4 places.

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3. 6,730,000

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5. An ordinary quarter contains about  
97,700,000,000,000,000,000 atoms.

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2. 1,304,000,000

Hint: Move the decimal left 9 places.

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4. 13,300

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6. The distance from Earth to the Moon is  
about 384,000 kilometers.

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**Write each number in standard notation. (Example 2)**

**7.**  $4 \times 10^5$

Hint: Move the decimal right 5 places.

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**9.**  $6.41 \times 10^3$

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**11.**  $8 \times 10^5$

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**13.** Diana calculated that she spent about  $5.4 \times 10^4$  seconds doing her math homework during October. Write this time in standard notation. (Example 2)

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**14.** The town recycled  $7.6 \times 10^6$  cans this year. Write the number of cans in standard notation. (Example 2)

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**8.**  $1.8499 \times 10^9$

Hint: Move the decimal right 9 places.

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**10.**  $8.456 \times 10^7$

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**12.**  $9 \times 10^{10}$

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