

# HOW TO WRITE AN EXPONENTIAL NOTATION WITH POSITIVE EXPONENTS EXAMPLE

*We use exponential notation to write repeated multiplication, such as  $10 \times 10 \times 10$  as  $10^3$ . We are now ready to state the definition of a negative exponent.*

Practice Problems 1a - 1b: Simplify, use positive exponents to write each answer. We move the decimal point 13 places to the right, so the exponent of 10 is 13. Which is the correct answer, but if you wanted to be a stickler and put it into scientific notation, we want something maybe greater than 1 right here. I make little loops when I count off the places, to keep track: Then I fill in the loops with zeroes: In other words, the number is 3,000,000,000,000, or  $3 \times 10^{13}$ . And so the next question, you might say, "I'm done. So it's going to be equal to 8 -- that's that guy right there -- 0. So, it's this times 10 to the 11th over 10 to the minus six, right? Evaluating Expressions Containing Exponents Evaluating expressions containing exponents is the same as evaluating any expression. Times 10 to the sixth. My second number is 3. Hopefully that last video explained it. The next number is 0. So that's 10 to the fifth power, right? Question 4 6. It's going to be equal to 7. To check yourself, multiply 6. For an introduction to rules concerning exponents, see the section on Manipulation of Exponents. Question 5 Question 6 The fifth root of 7. Exponential notation is one example. If the power on 10 is negative, you move the decimal place that many units to the left. We have our 8. We have only one. On your cheap non-scientific calculator: You will need to be familiar with exponents since your calculator cannot take care of them for you. So this top guy right here, how can we write him in scientific notation? It was developed to write repeated multiplication more efficiently. The following video is on Multiplying Exponents and the Exponent Rule. We have two numbers behind the decimal point, so you count 1, 2. Next, look for Exponents, followed by Multiplication and Division reading from left to right, and lastly, Addition and Subtraction again, reading from left to right. So 1 over something is just that something to the negative 1 power. And then you count how many digits are after the 3. A series of free Basic Algebra Lessons. So if we have 3. If you multiply these two things, you'll get that right there. The exponential term only places the decimal point. This is what we should expect for a large number. Since I need to move the point to get a small number, I'll be moving it to the left. So we have 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. You can think of it that way and so this would be equal to 10 to the 17th power. Now, we just have to count the numbers behind the decimal point. One, it'll be easier to represent these numbers and then hopefully you'll see that the multiplication actually gets simplified as well. That's 10 to the minus 1. The first "interesting" digit in this number is the 5, so that's where the decimal point will need to go. And now what will this be equal to? You're counting everything after this first term right there. Maybe you could try it with something smaller than 10 to the