

Unit 9 Objective 1 – What Power?

Very Brief Exponent Review:

$$2^3 = 8$$

$$7^{-2} = \frac{1}{49}$$

$$5^0 = 1$$

$$36^{\frac{1}{2}} = 6$$

Using the “what power” notation the above examples would look like this:

$$\text{What power } 2(8) = 2^{\boxed{3}} = 8$$

$$\text{What power } 7\left(\frac{1}{49}\right) = 7^{\boxed{-2}} = \frac{1}{49}$$

$$\text{What power } 5(1) = 5^{\boxed{0}} = 1$$

$$\text{What power } 36(6) = 36^{\boxed{\frac{1}{2}}} = 6$$

Here's a few tougher ones:

What power $\frac{3}{5}$ $(\frac{25}{9})$ $(\frac{3}{5})^{\boxed{-2}} = \frac{25}{9}$

What power 9 $(\sqrt[3]{81})$ $9^{\boxed{\frac{2}{3}}} = \sqrt[3]{81}$

$9^x = \sqrt[3]{81}$ $9^x = \sqrt[3]{9^2}$ $9^x = 9^{\frac{2}{3}}$ $x = \frac{2}{3}$

What power 216 (6) $216^{\boxed{\frac{1}{3}}} = 6$

$216^x = 6$ $6^{3x} = 6^1$ $3x = 1$ $x = \frac{1}{3}$