MAISA Algebra 2, Unit 3, Exponential and Logarithmic Functions

CONNECTIONS: Michigan Academic Standards for Mathemetics

EXAMPLE CONTEXT FOR LANGUAGE USAGE: In pairs, both students will be given the same collection of logarithmic and exponential graphs. Partner 1 secretly chooses a graph and listens to Partner 2 ask yes/no questions in order to narrow down the graphs and eventually identify the chosen graph. This game is similar to 20 questions or the game "Guess Who". (If you are not familiar with this type of game, visit: t.) There are many variations to how this activity could be structured as long as the students are asking yes/no questions which incorporate the mathematical vocabulary of the unit. Example questions could be "Is the function increasing?", "Does the function have a vertical asymptote?", "Does it have an x-intercept at (5,0)?".

There is a variety of mathematical reasoning and language that students can use to analyze and describe qualitative features of functions and their graphs. Some language has been suggested and scaffolded in the strand and associated supports. However, additional reasoning, such as transformations of functions, can also be used. In that case, an additional reference sheet to support the academic language related to transformations of functions could also be provided for students as necessary.

COGNITIVE FUNCTION: Students at all levels of English language proficiency **SYNTHESIZE** questions about logarithmic and exponential functions in order to identify a graph by its qualitative features.

	Level 1 Entering	Level 2 Emerging	Level 3 Developing	Level 4 Expanding	Level 5 Bridging	Level 6 Reaching
Listening	Synthesize questions about logarithmic and exponential functions asked multiple times while gesturing (e.g., moving hands in the direction of the curve), using an anchor chart, an illustrated reference sheet and clarifying language with a partner, after listening to students at higher levels of language proficiency model the process and the language.	Synthesize questions about logarithmic and exponential functions asked multiple times while gesturing (e.g., moving hands in the direction of the curve), using an anchor chart, an illustrated reference sheet and clarifying language with a partner, after listening to students at higher levels of language proficiency model the process and the language.	Synthesize questions asked multiple times about logarithmic and exponential functions using an anchor chart, an illustrated reference sheet, and clarifying language with a partner.	Synthesize questions asked about logarithmic and exponential functions using an anchor chart and clarifying language with a partner.	Synthesize questions asked about logarithmic and exponential functions using an anchor chart.	

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EXAMPLE CONTEXT FOR LANGUAGE USAGE: This strand addresses standard HSF-BF.B.5. (+) Understand the inverse relationship between exponents and logarithms and use this relationship to solve problems involving logarithms and exponents. The task is part of a unit that was adapted from Key Curriculum's Discovering Advanced Algebra* book. The main purpose of the task is for students to discover that exponential and logarithmic functions are inverses of one another and what that relationship means graphically. A strong understanding of this relationship will support the algorithmic task of solving equations using these inverses. This task is only a small part of a bigger unit where students discover mathematical relationships through investigation, so this support shows a completed example of what a student-generated table/graph would look like from which this speaking domain can be emphasized. Parts 1c and 1d of the task could also be foundational speaking tasks that ultimately lead to 1h on which this strand is focused. Note: students at Levels 1, 2, and 3 are given a transformation anchor chart. However, it is advisable to review, with all students, the terminology associated with transformations as the content of this task requires students to recognize that one function is a reflection (over the line y=x) of the other.

*Murdock, J., Kamischke, E., & Kamischke, E. (2004). Discovering advanced algebra: An investigative approach. Emeryville, CA: Key Curriculum Press.

COGNITIVE FUNCTION: Students at all levels of English language proficiency ANALYZE the table and graph of an exponential and logarithmic function to DESCRIBE their relationship as inverses.

	Level 1 Entering	Level 2 Emerging	Level 3 Developing	Level 4 Expanding	Level 5 Bridging	Level 6 Reaching
	Littering	Lineiging	Developing	Expanding	Bhaging	Reaching
Speaking/	Describe to a partner in short	Describe to a partner in	Describe to a partner in multiple	Describe to a partner in	Describe to a partner in	
Writing	phrases or sentences the	simple sentences the	complete sentences the	compound and/or complex	compound and/or complex	
	similarities and differences	similarities and differences	similarities and differences	sentences the similarities	sentences the similarities	
	between the graphs of an	between the graphs of an	between the graphs of an	and differences between	and differences between	
	exponential function and its	exponential function and its	exponential function and its	the graphs of an	the graphs of an	
	logarithmic inverse (e.g.,	logarithmic inverse (e.g.,	logarithmic inverse (e.g., y=10^x	exponential function and its	exponential function and its	
	y=10^x and y=log x) using a	y=10^x and y=log x) using a	and y=log x) using a function	logarithmic inverse (e.g.,	logarithmic inverse (e.g.,	
	function anchor chart, a	function anchor chart, a	anchor chart, a transformation	y=10^x and y=log x) using	y=10^x and y=log x) using	
	transformation anchor chart,	transformation anchor chart,	anchor chart, sentence	a function anchor chart and	a function anchor chart and	
	and sentence frames with	and sentence frames with	stems/frames with choices and	suggested word list (e.g.,	required word list (e.g.,	
	choices while pointing to the	choices while pointing to the	a suggested word list (e.g.,	function, asymptote, x-	function, asymptote,	
	anchor chart and/or table or	anchor chart and/or table or	function, asymptote, x-	coordinate, y-coordinate,	coordinates/ordered pair,	
	graph on the lesson sheet.	graph on the lesson sheet.	coordinate, y-coordinate,	ordered pair, domain,	domain, range,	
			ordered pair, domain, range,	range, horizontal/vertical,	reflection/translation/rotatio	
	The graph of	The graph of	horizontal/vertical,	reflection/translation/rotatio	n).	
	(equation) (is/ is not) a	(equation) (is/ is not)	reflection/translation/rotation).	n).		
	function. [use to describe	a function. [use to describe			E.g., "Each graph is a	
	each function]	each function]	[Open-ended stem]	E.g., "Each graph is a	function and has an	
			The graphs are	function and has an	asymptote. The two graphs	
	The graph of	The graph of	(similar/different) because	asymptote. The two graphs	have the same basic	
	(equation)	(equation)	[repeat as needed to describe	have the same basic	curved shape. The order of	
	(has/ does not have) a	(has/ does not have) a	both]	curved shape. The order of	the x-coordinate and y-	
	(vertical/ horizontal)	(vertical/		the x-coordinate and y-	coordinate is switched in	
	asymptote. [use to describe	horizontal) asymptote. [use	Sentence stems/frames with	coordinate is	the ordered	
	each function]		additional scaffolds.]			

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EXAMPLE CONTEXT FOR LANGUAGE USAGE: Students will read and analyze a passage that introduces a real-world context for logarithms. Two of the most commonly used examples are the decibel scale for sound intensity and the Richter scale for earthquake intensities. Students will understand the usefulness of using a logarithmic scale when intensities can vary from extremely small to extremely large values. This understanding of real-world applications will help students make more sense of the procedural skills used to analyze logarithmic functions and equations. The sample text is taken from the CPM Core Connections Algebra 2 textbook: Kysh, J., Baldinger, E., & Kassarjian, M. (2013). Core Connections: Algebra 2. Sacramento, CA: CPM Educational Program.

Note that in the strand written below, the language function is to analyze a linguistically complex piece of mathematical text, but the more complex words in the text would be glossed for students at Levels 3 and 4, and the text would be simplified for students at Levels 1 and 2. For similar reading tasks, a teacher might re-write the text excerpt in simplified form, or alternatively may guide the student in highlighting just the key words in the original excerpt in order to simplify it.

Students may need explicit instruction on how to work with a partner during a reading activity. Since the academic language of the example reading task is highly specialized and mathematically sophisticated, all students would benefit from additional tools to aid in comprehension. One strategy that helps students process dense academic text is "Talking to the Text". This strategy will help students talk to one another about the text as well as aid in individual comprehension. This link provides an overview of the "Talking to the Text" strategy: https://rtc.instructure.com/courses/1056743/pages/talking-to-the-text, https://www.teachbetweenthelines.org/read-from-the-blog-1/2018/8/2/z22gp5d98nk3dkekifu1vqr2hf516z

The corresponding supports for this strand have been developed for the introduction of the problem/task. Additional scaffolds and supports will need to be developed for each of the problems within the task.

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6
	Entering	Emerging	Developing	Expanding	Bridging	Reaching
Reading	Analyze a simplified	Analyze a simplified	Analyze a glossed version of a	Analyze a glossed version	Analyze a linguistically	
	mathematical text in order to	mathematical text in order to	linguistically complex	of a linguistically complex	complex mathematical text	
	understand and apply the	understand and apply the	mathematical text in order to	mathematical text in order	in order to understand and	
	information to complete an	information to complete an	understand and apply the	to understand and apply	apply the information to	
	inquiry-based lesson while	inquiry-based lesson while	information to complete an	the information to complete	complete an inquiry-based	
	using an illustrated word list	using an illustrated word list	inquiry-based lesson, using an	an inquiry-based lesson,	lesson, working with a	
	and working with a small	and working with a small	illustrated word list and working	working with a partner.	partner.	
	group.	group.	with a partner.			
				Sample glossed version of	Sample reading passage	
	Sample simplified text may be	Sample simplified text may	Sample glossed version of text	text may be found in the	may be found in the	
	found in the supports for this	be found in the supports for	may be found in the supports for	supports for this unit.	supports for this unit.	
	unit.	this unit.	this unit.			

COGNITIVE FUNCTION: Students at all levels of English language proficiency **ANALYZE** a linguistically complex piece of mathematical text in order to **APPLY** this knowledge to complete an inquiry-based lesson.

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EXAMPLE CONTEXT FOR LANGUAGE USAGE: Students will explain how to use a table or a graph to solve an equation in the form of f(x) = g(x), where at least one of the functions is logarithmic or exponential. This strand addresses the content standard HSA-REI.D.11: "Explain why the x-coordinates of the points where the graphs of the equations y = f(x) and y = g(x) intersect are the solutions of the equation f(x) = g(x); find the solutions approximately..." While all students should be encouraged to reflect on their work as a scaffold for writing and sometimes show work, students at levels 1 and 2 rely on their student-produced labeled work to write about a method to solve an equation. This sample task could be used for speaking or writing as the scaffolds would be the same or similar.

Students at all levels of proficiency may benefit from the opportunity to talk through their thinking with a partner. This allows students oral practice with the language of mathematics as related to logarithmic or exponential functions before producing the written product. Additionally, for more complex systems, students should use technology to produce graphs of the system. The student-generated sketch documents what was produced by technology and provides both a basis for mathematical reasoning and a language scaffold for students.

The writing tasks are intended to build connections between graphs, tables, and algebraic representations. The illustrated word bank assists students with word meanings and the task helps to create deeper understanding of words like solution. As such, the familiar representation of solution is given on the illustrated word bank. As the students complete the task, discuss as a class the connections between algebraic, graphical, and tabular solutions.

COGNITIVE FUNCTION: Students at all levels of English language proficiency analyze an equation containing two functions and **EXPLAIN** a method for solving using a table or a graph.

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6
	Entering	Emerging	Developing	Expanding	Bridging	Reaching
Writing	Explain in words and/or phrases, accompanied by a student-produced labeled table or sketch, a method for using a table or a graph to solve an equation in the form $f(x) = g(x)$ or $f(x)-g(x)=0$ in which at least one of the functions is exponential or logarithmic, using sentence frames with choices and choosing appropriate terms on a function families anchor chart and an illustrated word bank. This is $a(n)$ function and $a(n)$ function. (choose from the anchor chart)	Explain in simple sentences, accompanied by a student- produced labeled table or sketch, a method for using a table or a graph to solve an equation in the form $f(x) =$ g(x) or $f(x)-g(x)=0$ in which at least one of the functions is exponential or logarithmic, using sentence frames with choices and choosing appropriate terms on a function families anchor chart and an illustrated word bank. This is $a(n)$ function and $a(n)$ function. (choose from the anchor chart)	Explain in complete sentences, accompanied by a student- produced table or sketch, a method for using a table or a graph to solve an equation in the form f(x) = g(x) or f(x)- g(x)=0 in which at least one of the functions is exponential or logarithmic, referring to a function families anchor chart and using sentence frames/stems with a suggested word list (e.g., equation, function, equivalent equation, table, graph, intersect, coordinates, solutions, approximate). The equation contains a(n) function and a(n) function. (choose from	Explain in compound and/or complex sentences, accompanied by a student- produced table or sketch, a method for using a table or a graph to solve an equation in the form $f(x) =$ g(x) or $f(x)$ - $g(x)=0$ in which at least one of the functions is exponential or logarithmic, referring to a function families anchor chart and using a suggested word list (e.g., equation, function, rearrange, table, graph, intersect, coordinates, solutions, approximate).	Explain in compound and/or complex sentences, accompanied by a student- produced table or sketch, a method for using a table or a graph to solve an equation in the form $f(x) =$ g(x) or $f(x)$ - $g(x)=0$ in which at least one of the functions is exponential or logarithmic, referring to a function families anchor chart. E.g., [Given: Explain how to use a table or graph to solve the equation log2x + 3x = 0 or log2x = -3x.]	

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6
	Entering	Emerging	Developing	Expanding	Bridging	Reaching
Continued	First (write	First (write	the anchor chart)	E.g., [Given: Explain how	"Because the equation	
	equivalent equation, graph,	equivalent equation, graph,	First I would	to use a table or graph to	contains a logarithmic	
	make a table).	make a table).	Then I would	solve the equation log2x +	function and a linear	
			Next I would	$3x = 0 \text{ or } \log 2x = -3x.$]	function, I can write an	
	Next (write	Next (write	The solutions to the equation		equivalent equation so that	
	equivalent equation, graph,	equivalent equation, graph,	are (OR There is no solution.)	"Because the equation	the logarithmic function is	
	make a table).	make a table).		contains a logarithmic	on one side of the equation	
				function and a linear	and the linear function is on	
	I see the solution(s) on the	I see the solution(s) on the		function, I can write an	the other side. If I create a	
	(table/graph).	(table/graph).		equivalent equation so that	table or a graph of each	
				the logarithmic function is	function, I can find the	
	The solution(s) is/are	The solution(s) is/are		on one side of the equation	points they have in	
	OR There is no solution.	OR There is no solution.		and the linear function is on	common, and the x-	
				the other side. If I create a	coordinates will be the	
	[Students should sketch the	[Students should sketch the		table or a graph of each	solutions to the equation."	
	representation they are using	representation they are		function, I can find the	[OR There is no solution.]	
	to solve the equation and	using to solve the equation		points they have in		
	provide words or short phrases	and provide words or short		common, and the x-		
	to label the solution or	phrases to label the solution		coordinates will be the		
	process.]	or process.]		solutions to the equation."		
				[OR There is no solution.]		



Algebra2_Unit3_Listening_AnchorChart



Algebra2_Unit3_Listening_IllustratedReferenceSheet







Logarithm Investigation #2

- 1) Use your calculator table to investigate the following: (Round answers to 2 decimal places when necessary.)
 - a) Complete the table for $y = 10^x$

х	y = 10 [×]

 b) Use the *y*-values from your first table as *x*-values in the table below. Use these *x*-values and equation *y* = *log x* to compute *y*.

х	y = log x

c) Consider the equation $y = 10^x$. [Use your calculator table to investigate x-values that are smaller and smaller.]

What happens to the y-value as the x-value decreases?

Does there appear to be a limit?

d) Consider the equation y = logx. [Use your calculator table to investigate x-values that are smaller and smaller.]

What happens to the *y*-value as the *x*-value gets closer and closer to 0, but stays positive?

Does there appear to be a limit?

e) What is the relationship between the limit in c) and the limit in d)?

f) Use the points from your tables above and your findings in c) and d) to sketch the graph of each equation.

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	+3			
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g) Use your calculator with the window shown in the grid above to check your graphs.

h) Refer to the graphs to fill in the table below.

	$y = 10^{x}$	$y = \log x$
Is the graph a function?		
What is the domain?		
What is the range?		
Is the function increasing or decreasing?		

i) Compare the two graphs. What are the similarities? What are the differences?

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x	$y = 10^x$	
-1	• 1	
0	1	
0.5	3.16	
1	10	

x	$y = \log x$
.1	-1
1	6
3.16	.5
10	1

c) Consider the equation y = 10^x. [Use your calculator table to investigate x-values that are smaller and smaller.]

What happens to the y-value as the x-value decreases?

Does there appear to be a limit?

As the x-value gets bigger in the negative direction, the y value gets smaller and smaller but remains positive. The limit appears to be 0. d) Consider the equation y = logx. [Use your calculator table to investigate x-values that are smaller and smaller.]

What happens to the *y*-value as the *x*-value gets closer and closer to 0, but stays positive?

Does there appear to be a limit?

As the x-value gets closer to 0 from the positive direction, the y-value gets bigger and bigger in the negative direction. There does not appear to be a limit.

Adapted from Key Curriculum's Discovering Advanced Algebra Murcock, J., Kamischke, E., & Kamischke, E., (2004). Discovering advanced algebra: An investigative approach. Emeryville, CA: Key Curriculum Press. e) What is the relationship between the limit in c) and the limit in d)?

- f) Use the points from your tables above and your findings in c) and d) to sketch the graph of each equation.
- g) Use your calculator with the window shown in the grid above to check your graphs.



h) Refer to the graphs to fill in the table below.

	<i>y</i> = 10 ^x	$y = \log x$
Is the graph a function?	Yes	yes
What is the domain?	{x - 00 < x < 00} All R#'s	{x/x>0}
What is the range?	19/9>03	ξy -∞< y<∞} or All R#'s
Is the function increasing or decreasing?	increasing	increasing

i) Compare the two graphs. What are the similarities? What are the differences?

Each graph is a function and has an asymptote. The two graphs have the same basic shape (curve The order of the X-coordinate and y-coordinate are switched in the ordered pairs of the graph of $y = \log x$ as compared to the ordered pairs of the graph of $y = \log x$ as means the domain and range will be switched for the two functions. The graphs appear to be reflections over

the line y= X.

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Algebra2_Unit3_Speaking/Writing_FunctionAnchorChart

FUNCTION EXAMPLES



NOT FUNCTION EXAMPLES



	Algebra2_Unit6	Writing_TransformationAnchorChart
TRANSFORMATION	HOW	HOW MUCH
Rotation/Rotate	clockwise / counterclockwise around the point (x, y)	(#) degrees
Reflection/Reflect	over the(x-axis/ y-axis/ line)	
	x-axis	
Translation/Translate	shifts/moves (left / right // up / down)	(#) units
Stretch or Shrink	horizontally / vertically	by a factor of(#)

CPM Algebra 2 Textbook Page 377-378 (Original Version with Table):

Have you ever had someone tell you that you were speaking too loudly (or too softly) or that the volume on a television was turned up too high (or down too low)? While sensitivity to noise can vary from person to person, in general, people can hear sounds over an incredible range of loudness.

Sound intensity is measured in physical units of watts per square centimeter. But the loudness is typically reported in units of relative intensity called decibels. The next table shows intensity values for a variety of familiar sounds and the related number of decibels - as measured at common distances from the sources.

Study the sound intensity values, sources, and decibel ratings given in the table.

- a) Are the intensity and decibel numbers in the order of loudness that you would expect for the different familiar sources?
- b) What pattern do you see relating the sound intensity values (watts/cm^2) and the decibel numbers?

In this lesson, you will learn about logarithms - the mathematical idea used to express sound intensity and to solve a variety of problems

related to exponential functions and equations.

Investigation 1: How Loud is Too Loud?

Your analysis of the sound intensity data might have suggested several different algorithms for converting watts per square centimeter into decibels. For example, if the intensity of a sound is 10^x watts/cm², its loudness in decibels is 10x + 120.

The key to discovery of this conversion rule is the fact that all sound intensities were written as powers of 10. What would you have done if the sound intensities had been written as numbers like 3.45 watts/cm^2 or 0.0023 watts/cm^2?

As you work on problems of this investigation, look for an answer to this question: How can any positive number be expressed as a power of 10?

Source: Kysh, J., Baldinger, E., & Kassarjian, M. (2013). Core Connections: Algebra 2. Sacramento, CA: CPM Educational Program.

Sound Intensity (in watts/cm ²)	Noise Source	Relative Intensity (in decibels)
10 ³	Military Rifle	150
10 ²	Jet plane (30 meters away)	140
10 ¹	[Level at which sound is painful]	130
10°	Amplified rock music	120
10 ⁻¹	Power tools	110
10 ⁻²	Noisy kitchen	100
10 ⁻³	Heavy traffic	90
10-4	Traffic noise in a small car	80
10 -5	Vacuum cleaner	70
10 ⁻⁶	Normal conversation	60
10-7	Average home	50
10 ⁻⁸	Quiet conversation	40
10 ⁻⁹	Soft whisper	30
10 ⁻¹⁰	Quiet living room	20
10-11	Quiet recording studio	10
10 ⁻¹²	[Barely Audible]	0

Algebra2_Unit3_Reading_OriginalVersion

Source: Kysh, J., Baldinger, E., & Kassarjian, M. (2013). Core Connections: Algebra 2. Sacramento, CA: CPM Educational Program.

CPM Algebra 2 Textbook Page 377-378 (Glossed Version with Table):

Have you ever had someone tell you that you were speaking too loudly⁴ (or too softly³) or that the volume² on a television was turned up too high (or down too low)? While *sensitivity to noise*⁹ [ability to hear] can *vary*^{4.5} [be different] from person to person, in general, people can hear sounds over an *incredible* [very large] *range*¹ *of loudness* [from very quiet to very loud].

Sound *intensity*⁵ [strength] is measured in physical units⁶ of watts per square centimeter⁷. But the loudness is typically *reported* [usually told or written] by relative intensity⁵ in units⁶ called decibels. The next table⁸ shows intensity⁵ *values* [numbers] for a *variety* [many different] of *familiar* [common] sounds and the related number of decibels - as measured at common distances from the *sources*¹⁰ [things that make the sounds].

Study the sound intensity⁵ values [numbers], the sources¹⁰, and the *decibel ratings* [numbers] given in the table⁸. a) Are the intensity⁵ and decibel numbers in the order of loudness that you would expect for the different familiar sources¹⁰?

b) What *pattern*¹¹ [relationship¹²] do you see *relating* [connecting] the sound intensity⁵ values (watts/cm²) and the decibel numbers?

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10-2	Noisy kitchen	100	
10 ⁻³	Heavy traffic	90	
10-4	Traffic noise in a small car	80	
10-5	Vacuum cleaner	70	
10-6	Normal conversation	60	
10-7	Average home	50	
10-8	Quiet conversation	40	
10 ⁻⁹	Soft whisper	30	
10-10	10 ⁻¹⁰ Quiet living room		
10-11	10 ⁻¹¹ Quiet recording studio		
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express [describe] sound intensity⁵ and to solve a *variety of* [many different] problems *related* [connected] to exponential functions¹³ and equations¹⁴.

Investigation 1: How Loud is Too Loud?

Your *analysis*¹⁵ [study, looking carefully] of the sound intensity⁵ *data* [numbers in the table⁸] might have *suggested* [given you an idea of] several different *algorithms*¹⁶ [ways, methods] for *converting*¹⁷ [changing] watts per square centimeter⁷ into decibels. For example, if the intensity⁵ of a sound is 10^x watts/cm², its loudness in decibels is 10x + 120.

The *key* [most important thing to help you solve a problem] to *discovery* [finding] of this *conversion rule* [method or equation¹⁴] is the fact that all sound intensities were written as powers of 10. What would you have done if the sound intensities had been written as numbers like 3.45 watts/cm² or 0.0023 watts/cm²?

As you work on problems of this *investigation* [lesson], look for an answer to this question: How can any positive number be *expressed* [written] as a power of 10?

Source: Kysh, J., Baldinger, E., & Kassarjian, M. (2013). *Core Connections: Algebra 2*. Sacramento, CA: CPM Educational Program.

CPM Algebra 2 Textbook Page 377-378 (Simplified Version with Table):

Note: Words with numerical superscripts are found in the illustrated word list.

People can hear a wide range¹ of volumes² from very quiet³ to very loud⁴. The intensity (strength)⁵ of sound is measured physically in units⁶ of watts per square centimeter⁷. But loudness is usually described in units called decibels.

The table⁸ shows the intensity values for many common sounds and the loudness in decibels, measured at a normal distance.

Look carefully¹⁵ at the sound intensity numbers, the sources, and the decibels given in the table.

a) Does the order in the noise⁹ source¹⁰ list make sense?

b) What pattern¹¹ or relationship¹² can you see connecting the intensity numbers and the decibel numbers?

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In this lesson you will learn about logarithms connected to exponential functions¹³ and equations¹⁴.

Investigation 1: How Loud is Too Loud?

When you looked¹⁵ at the numbers in the table, did you see a way¹⁶ to change¹⁷ the intensity values (watts/cm²) to decibels? For example, if the intensity⁵ of a sound is 10^x watts/cm², its loudness⁴ in decibels is 10x + 120.

One thing that made this rule¹⁶ easier to find was that all the intensity numbers were written as powers of 10. What would you do if the sound intensities were written as numbers like 3.45 watts/cm² or 0.0023 watts/cm²?

As you work on these problems, look for an answer to this question: How can any positive number be written as a power of 10?

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Function Families (Student-Generated Examples)		Algebra2_Unit4_Writing_FunctionFamiliesAnchorChart	
Linear Function	Quadratic Function	Cubic Function	Square Root Function
Absolute Value Function	Exponential Function	Logarithmic Function	Rational Function



Solving Equations

Write Equivalent Equations	Equivalent Equations Share the Same Solutions	
	Solution is $x = 10^{\frac{5}{2}}$	
	Check that each equation has the same solution:	
$2\log x = 5$	$2\log 10^{\frac{5}{2}} = 5 \ge 2\left(\frac{5}{2}\right) = 5 \ge 5 = 5 \checkmark$	
$\log x = \frac{5}{2}$	$\log 10^{\frac{5}{2}} = \frac{5}{2} \implies \frac{5}{2} = \frac{5}{2}$	
$x = 10^{\frac{5}{2}}$	$10^{\frac{5}{2}} = 10^{\frac{5}{2}}$	