

# SOL 6.5 – Exponents, Squares, and Perfect Squares

6.5 The student will investigate and describe concepts of positive exponents and perfect squares.

## Understanding the Standard:

- In exponential notation, the base is the number that is multiplied, and the exponent represents the number of times the base is used as a factor. In  $8^3$ , 8 is the base and 3 is the exponent.
- A power of a number represents repeated multiplication of the number by itself (e.g.,  $8^3 = 8 \times 8 \times 8$  and is read “8 to the third power”).
- Any real number other than zero raised to the zero power is 1. Zero to the zero power (0) is undefined.
- Perfect squares are the numbers that result from multiplying any whole number by itself (e.g.,  $36 = 6 \times 6 = 6^2$ ).
- Perfect squares can be represented geometrically as the areas of squares the length of whose sides are whole numbers (e.g.,  $1 \times 1$ ,  $2 \times 2$ , or  $3 \times 3$ ). This can be modeled with grid paper, tiles, geoboards and virtual manipulatives.

# SOL 6.5 – Exponents

## The Meaning of Exponents:

- Where repeated addition is multiplication, repeated multiplication is the use of exponents
- The **Base** is the “**Big number**” which is the number to be repeated
- The **Exponent** is the “**Floaty number**” which tells how many times the **Base** is to be repeated.

Exponential Form	Word Form	Expanded Form	Standard Form
$2^4$	2 to the fourth power	$2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2$	16

## How to enter into the Calculator:

Problem:  $3^5$  → Type: 3  $y^x$  5 = → Answer: 243

Problem:  $4^7$  → Type: 4  $y^x$  7 = → Answer: 16,384

Problem:  $10^2$  → Type: 10  $y^x$  2 = → Answer: 100

Problem:  $10^3$  → Type: 10  $y^x$  3 = → Answer: 1,000

Problem:  $10^4$  → Type: 10  $y^x$  4 = → Answer: 10,000

Problem:  $10^5$  → Type: 10  $y^x$  5 = → Answer: 100,000

Problem:  $10^6$  → Type: 10  $y^x$  6 = → Answer: 1,000,000

## Powers of Ten:

- The **place value system** is based off of the **powers of ten**
- The number of the exponent tells how many zeros are on the number

## Zero Power:

- Any number to the **zero power equals one**

# SOL 6.5 – Squares and Perfect Squares

Exponential Form	Word Form	Expanded Form	Standard Form
$1^2$	1 squared	$1 \times 1$	1
$2^2$	2 squared	$2 \times 2$	4
$3^2$	3 squared	$3 \times 3$	9
$4^2$	4 squared	$4 \times 4$	16
$5^2$	5 squared	$5 \times 5$	25
$6^2$	6 squared	$6 \times 6$	36
$7^2$	7 squared	$7 \times 7$	49
$8^2$	8 squared	$8 \times 8$	64
$9^2$	9 squared	$9 \times 9$	81
$10^2$	10 squared	$10 \times 10$	100
$11^2$	11 squared	$11 \times 11$	121
$12^2$	12 squared	$12 \times 12$	144
$13^2$	13 squared	$13 \times 13$	169
$14^2$	14 squared	$14 \times 14$	196
$15^2$	15 squared	$15 \times 15$	225
$16^2$	16 squared	$16 \times 16$	256
$17^2$	17 squared	$17 \times 17$	289
$18^2$	18 squared	$18 \times 18$	324
$19^2$	19 squared	$19 \times 19$	361
$20^2$	20 squared	$20 \times 20$	400

## Perfect Squares

– Remember the stackems

Vocabulary:

## Exponential Form

The diagram shows two exponential expressions. The first is  $2^3 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2$ . A red arrow labeled "base" points to the 2, and a blue arrow labeled "exponent" points to the 3. The second expression is  $n^4 = \underbrace{n \cdot n \cdot n \cdot n}_{\text{factors}}$ . A red arrow labeled "base" points to the n, and a blue arrow labeled "exponent" points to the 4. A bracket under the four n's is labeled "factors".

## Perfect Squares

$$0^2 = 0 \cdot 0 = \mathbf{0}$$

$$1^2 = 1 \cdot 1 = \mathbf{1}$$


$$2^2 = 2 \cdot 2 = \mathbf{4}$$

$$3^2 = 3 \cdot 3 = \mathbf{9}$$

$$4^2 = 4 \cdot 4 = \mathbf{16}$$

$$5^2 = 5 \cdot 5 = \mathbf{25}$$

$$\sqrt{\mathbf{16}} = \sqrt{4 \cdot 4} = 4$$

  
perfect square

## Powers of Ten

Exponential	Meaning	Value
$10^4$	$10 \cdot 10 \cdot 10 \cdot 10$	10,000
$10^3$	$10 \cdot 10 \cdot 10$	1000
$10^2$	$10 \cdot 10$	100
$10^1$	10	10
$10^0$	1	1

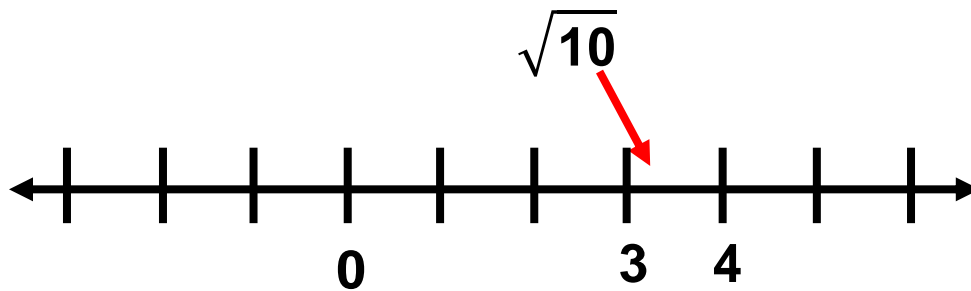
## Square Root

radical symbol

$$\sqrt{36} = 6$$

$$\sqrt{36} = \sqrt{6 \cdot 6} = \sqrt{6^2} = 6$$

Squaring a number and taking a square root are inverse operations.



between  $\sqrt{9}$  and  $\sqrt{16}$

## Essential Understandings:

What does exponential form represent?

repeated multiplication

Exponential form is a short way to write repeated multiplication of a common factor such as:  $5 \times 5 \times 5 \times 5 \times 5 \times 5 = 5^6$

What is the relationship between perfect squares and a geometric square?

Basically they are the same shape.

A perfect square is the area of a geometric square whose side length is a whole #.

## Essential Knowledge & Skills:

The student will use problem solving, mathematical communication, mathematical reasoning, connections, and representations to

- Recognize and describe patterns with exponents that are natural numbers, by using a calculator.
- Recognize and describe patterns of perfect squares not to exceed  $20^2$ , by using grid paper, square tiles, tables, and calculators.
- Recognize powers of ten by examining patterns in a place value chart:  $10^4 = 10,000$ ,  $10^3 = 1000$ ,  $10^2 = 100$ ,  $10^1 = 10$ ,  $10^0 = 1$ .