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11.5
Change of base and Common Logs
4.5.16

Warm-up

1) Expand $\log \frac{x^4 y}{3z}$

2) Condense: $(\log x + \log y + \log 3) - (\log x + 2\log y + \log z)$

Given that $\log 7 = .8451$, evaluate the logarithm.
 $\log 7,000,000$

Split up the log	$\log 7,000,000 = \log 7 + \log 1,000,000$
Substitute with the given values.	$\begin{aligned} &\log (7 \cdot 1,000,000) \\ &= \log 7 + \log 1,000,000 \\ &= .8451 + \log 10^6 \\ &= .8451 + 6 \\ &= 6.8451 \end{aligned}$

We Try:
 Given that $\log 7 = .8451$, evaluate the logarithm.
 $\log .0007$

Split up the log	
Substitute with the given values.	

You Try:
 Given that $\log 7 = .8451$, evaluate the logarithm.
 $\log 49$

Split up the log	
Substitute with the given values.	

Evaluate the expression.

$$\log_5(2)^3$$

Split up the logs	$\log_5 + \log_2^3$ $\log_5 + 3\log_2$
Use a calculator to evaluate the logs.	$.6990 + 3(.3010)$
Simplify	1.6021

We Try:

$$\log\left(\frac{19^2}{6}\right)$$

Split up the logs	
Use a calculator to evaluate the logs.	
Simplify	

You Try:

$$\log\left(\frac{4^2}{3}\right) =$$

**Change of
Base Formula**

If a , b , and n are positive numbers and neither a nor b is 1, then the following equation is true.

$$\log_a n = \frac{\log_b n}{\log_b a}$$

I Try:

Find the value of $\log_9 1043$ using the change of base formula.

$$\log_9 1043 = \frac{\log_{10} 1043}{\log_{10} 9}$$

Use the change of base formula.	$\log_9 1043 = \frac{\log_{10} 1043}{\log_{10} 9}$
Use a calculator to evaluate.	$\frac{3.0183}{.9542}$ $= 3.1632$

We Try:

Find the value of $\log_8 1283$ using the change of base formula.

Use the change of base formula.	$\log_8 1283 =$
Use a calculator to evaluate.	

You Try:

Find the value of $\log_2 392$ using the change of base formula.

Use the change of base formula.	$\log_2 392 =$
Use a calculator to evaluate.	

Use logarithms to solve exponential equations.

$$\text{Solve } 6^{3x} = 81$$

Take log to both sides	$\log 6^{3x} = \log 81$
Use the power property.	$3x \log 6 = \log 81$
Divide both sides by the log	$3x = \frac{\log 81}{\log 6}$
Use a calculator to evaluate the logs	$3x = 2.452$ $x = .8175$

We Try:

$$\text{Solve } 2^{4x} = 24$$

Take log to both sides	
Use the power property.	
Divide both sides by the log	
Use a calculator to evaluate the logs	

What are the restrictions to b?

$$\log_b x$$

$$\text{Solve } 3\log_x 6 + 1 > 4$$

Isolate log	
Raise both sides by the base	
Solve for x	
Check for restrictions	

You Try:
 $\text{Solve for } \log_2 x < -3$

Isolate log	
Raise both sides by the base	
Solve for x	
Check for restrictions	

$$2^x = 95$$

Isolate log	
Raise both sides by the base	
Solve for x	

Check for restrictions	