

## How to Expand Powers

# Algebra Exponent Practice

2<sup>4</sup>

The little number "4" is called the "Index" or "Exponent" and tells us how many times to multiply out the big number "2"

The big number "2" is called the "base" and is what we multiply together

$$2^4 = \underbrace{2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2}_{\text{Multiply four of the Base Number}} \checkmark$$

**Objective:** Practice the word, expanded, and standard form of exponents in a fun and engaging way.

**Standard: A.11(B)** Simplify numeric and algebraic expressions using the laws of exponents, including integral and rational exponents.

**Materials Needed:** One set of Algebra Exponent Practice Cards per 4-6 players  
Algebra Exponent Practice Recording Sheet  
Algebra Exponent Practice Answer Key  
Algebra Exponent Practice Passport

### Procedure:

- Study the answer key. Place the answer key back in the envelope or folder.
- Put all the cards face down in the center of the group.
- Have players or pairs turn over one card and read what it says.
- The player or the other member of the pair turns over a 2<sup>nd</sup> card and tries to make a match.
- If they believe they have a match, they must prove it with at least one statement.
- Check with the answer key.
- LEAVE THE CARDS FACE UP IF THERE IS NO MATCH. This provides an opportunity for players to review the possibilities every time they turn over another card.
- Continue with the remaining cards. There can be a match of 2 or 4 cards.
- The player or pair with the most cards wins the game.
- Players record their answers.

Extra Challenge: Match all four cards instead of just two cards.

$$3 \bullet 3 \bullet 3$$

Three cubed

27

$$4 \bullet 4 \bullet 4 \bullet 4$$

Four to the  
4<sup>th</sup> power

256

$$6 \bullet 6$$

Six to the  
2<sup>nd</sup> power

36

$$4 \bullet 4$$

Four squared

16

$$7 \bullet 7 \bullet 7 \bullet 7$$

Seven to the  
4<sup>th</sup> power

2,401

$$5 \bullet 5 \bullet 5$$

Five cubed

125

$$3 \bullet 3 + 2 \bullet 2 \bullet 2$$

Three squared  
plus two cubed

17

$$2 \bullet 2 + 10 \bullet 10$$

Two squared  
plus  
ten squared

104

$$4 \bullet 4 + 5 \bullet 5 \bullet 5$$

Four squared  
plus five cubed

141

$$3 \bullet 3 \bullet 3 \bullet 3$$

Three to the  
 $4^{\text{th}}$  power

81

$$6^2$$

$$4^4$$

$$3^2$$

$$4^2$$

$$7^4$$

$$5^3$$

$$2^2 + 10^2$$

$$3^2 + 2^3$$

$$4^2 + 5^3$$

$$3^4$$

# Algebra Exponent Practice Recording Sheet

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Words	Expanded Form	Standard Form
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Four to the 4 <sup>th</sup> power	$4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4$	$4^4 = 256$
Six to the 2 <sup>nd</sup> power	$6 \cdot 6$	$6^2 = 36$
Four squared	$4 \cdot 4$	$4^2 = 16$
Seven to the 4 <sup>th</sup> power	$7 \cdot 7 \cdot 7 \cdot 7$	$7^4 = 2,401$
Five cubed	$5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5$	$5^3 = 125$
Three squared plus two cubed	$3 \cdot 3 + 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2$	$3^2 + 2^3 = 17$
Two squared plus ten squared	$2 \cdot 2 + 10 \cdot 10$	$2^2 + 10^2 = 104$
Four squared plus five cubed	$4 \cdot 4 + 5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5$	$4^2 + 5^3 = 141$
Three to the 4 <sup>th</sup> power	$3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3$	$3^4 = 81$

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- h.  $1.05 \cdot 10^{24}$

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