Write and Evaluate Expressions with Exponents

Study the example problem showing how to write and evaluate expressions with exponents. Then solve problems 1–9.

Example

Adrian wants to buy a skateboard that costs \$85. After 1 month, he has \$4 in savings and plans to quadruple the amount he has saved each month for 4 months. Will Adrian have enough money to buy the skateboard in 4 months?

Month 1	Month 2	Month 3	Month 4
4	4 • 4 = 16	16 • 4 = 64	64 • 4 = 256

Adrian will have enough money to buy the skateboard in 4 months. He will have \$171 more than he needs.

- What does it mean to say that the amount of money from the previous month is quadrupled?
- Represent the problem with repeated multiplication.

Month	Amount Saved (in dollars)
1	4
2	4•= 16
3	
4	

- Write an expression using an exponent to represent the amount of money Adrian will have saved by month 4.
- What is the value of the expression you wrote in problem 3?

Solve.

Use the following situation to solve problems 5-7.

Five students received the same text message at 9:00 AM. Each of them sent the message to 5 more students at 10:00 AM. Each of those students sent the message to 5 more students at 11:00 AM.

Represent the situation with exponential expressions.

Simplify the expressions.

Time That Message Is Received	Number of Students Receiving Text Message
9:00 am	5 ¹ = 5
10:00 am	
11:00 AM	

6	If the pattern continues, how many students will
	receive the text message at noon? Explain how to
	use the pattern to find the answer.

7	If the pattern continues, at what time will 15,625
	students receive the text message? Explain how
	you know.

Write and simplify an expression to represent 63.

Chin says that the value of 2⁵ is 10. Explain what Chin did wrong and find the correct value.