

Finding the time

Method 1: Trial and Error

Method 2: Calculator "log"

Using your calculator to find time...

Find the **log** button: it's the inverse of exponential... working backwards

To find an exponent

Example:  $2^3=8$

$$\text{Log}_2 8=3$$

On the calculator

$$\frac{\log 8}{\log 2} = 3$$

$$y = \frac{\text{start}}{\text{start}} * \frac{\text{keep}}{\text{start}}^{\text{time}}$$

isolate:  $\text{keep}^{\text{time}}$

$$\frac{y}{\text{start}} = \text{keep}^{\text{time}}$$

$$\text{time} = \frac{\log \left( \frac{y}{\text{start}} \right)}{\log \text{keep}}$$

## Finding the time with the calculator

How many years before an investment of 2000 with an annual appreciation of 5% reaches \$4365.75

$$100\% + 5\% = \frac{105}{100} = 1.05$$

Rule for time

$$\text{time} = \frac{\log\left(\frac{y}{\text{start}}\right)}{\log \text{keep}}$$

$$y = 4365.75$$

$$\text{start} = 2000$$

$$\text{keep} = 1.05$$

$$\text{time} = ? \quad x$$

$$\text{time} = \frac{\log(y/\text{start})}{\log(\text{keep})}$$

$$\text{time} = \frac{\log(4365.75/2000)}{\log(1.05)}$$

$$\text{time} = 16$$

Check

$$2000(1.05)^{16} = 4365.75$$

Ex . Farah purchased a new car five years ago for \$25 000 and the car has depreciated in value by 15% per year. She would like to sell the car today in order to purchase a used vehicle for \$10 000.

The used car she is intending to purchase is anticipated to retain 90% of its previous year's value each year. 0.9 ← same as depreciating by 10%

If Farah intends to sell the used car when it is worth \$6561, how long will she own it for?

$$S: 10000$$

$$k: 0.9$$

$$T: x$$

$$y: 6561$$

$$\text{time} = \frac{\log\left(\frac{y}{\text{start}}\right)}{\log \text{ keep}}$$

$$= \frac{\log\left(\frac{6561}{10000}\right)}{\log(0.9)}$$

$$\frac{6561}{10000} = 0.6561$$

$$\frac{\log \text{ Ans}}{\log 0.9} = 4$$

Ex. If the population of rabbits doubles every 4 months, when will there be 8192 rabbits if there were only 2 rabbits at the beginning?

3/year

S: 2

$$\text{time} = \frac{\log\left(\frac{y}{\text{start}}\right)}{\log \text{keep}}$$

K: 2

log keep

T: x

$$= \frac{\log\left(\frac{8192}{2}\right)}{\log(2)} = \frac{12}{3} = 4 \text{ years}$$

y: 8192



2 options

1 penny

or

\$1000 after  
30 days

Double  
every  
day

Ex. A community of 90 penguins increases in population by 4% per year. When will there be a population of 144 penguins?

Ex. Jim bought a cottage a few years ago. He has been analyzing the water in the well every year.

$$f(x) = 16 (1.5)^x$$

In 2012, there were 54 bacteria. In what year will there be more than 615 bacteria for the first time?



Ex. Linda and Donny each win a lottery

Linda wins 5000 and invests it at 5% interest. Donny wins 4000 and invests it at 10 % interest

When will Donny have the same amount as Linda ?

The times will match and so will the y's

$$5000(1.05)^{\text{time}} = 4000 (1.10)^{\text{time}}$$

$$\text{time} = \frac{\log \left( \frac{y}{\text{start}} \right)}{\log \text{ keep}}$$

The time when they will be the same:

$$\text{time} = \log (\text{start } a / \text{start } b) / \log (\text{keep } b / \text{keep } a )$$

answer: next page

Donny's

start = 5000

keep = 1.05

Linda's

start= 4000

keep = 1.10

Time =  $\frac{\log(\text{Donny's Start/Linda's start})}{\log(\text{Linda's keep/Donny's keep})}$

3. A lab technician notes that the number of type A bacteria doubles every hour whereas the number of type B bacteria triples every hour. At the outset there are 1000 of type A bacteria and 500 of type B bacteria. Which of the two bacteria will be more numerous after five hours?