

## Exponentials and Percent Growth

You have \$300. It grows by 10%. How much money do you have? \_\_\_\_\_

You have 5000 amoebas. They grow by 20%. How many are there? \_\_\_\_\_

You have 70,000 people in your state. The population grows by 45%. How many are there? \_\_\_\_\_

It turns out that there are two ways to do these problems.

	"Add the 10%" method	"Multiply" method
\$500, 10% growth	$500 + (.10)500 =$	$500(1.10) =$
\$500, 20% growth	$500 + (.20)500 =$	$500(1.20) =$
\$500, 30% growth	$500 + ( \quad )500 =$	$500( \quad ) =$
\$500, 73% growth	$500 + ( \quad ) \quad =$	$500( \quad ) =$

	"Add the 10%" method	"Multiply" method
\$30, 20% growth	$30 + ( \quad ) \quad =$	$30( \quad ) =$
\$30, 40% growth	$\quad + ( \quad ) \quad =$	$\quad ( \quad ) =$
\$30, 23% growth	$\quad + ( \quad ) \quad =$	$\quad ( \quad ) =$
\$30, 65% growth	$\quad + ( \quad ) \quad =$	$\quad ( \quad ) =$

	"Subtract the 10%" method	"Multiply" method
200, 10% shrink	$200 - (.10)200 =$	$200(.90) =$
200, 20% shrink	$200 + ( \quad )200 =$	$\quad (.80) =$
200, 30% shrink	$200 + ( \quad ) \quad =$	$\quad ( \quad ) =$
200, 45% shrink	$\quad + ( \quad ) \quad =$	$\quad ( \quad ) =$

1. What is the multiplier for the exponential growth/decay in each case?

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| a. Increase by 20% per year  | Multiplier: |
| b. Increase by 45% per year  | Multiplier: |
| c. Increase by 100% per year | Multiplier: |
| d. Increase by 3% per year   | Multiplier: |
|                              |             |
| e. Decrease by 30% per year  | Multiplier: |
| f. Decrease by 70% per year  | Multiplier: |
| g. Decrease by 4% per year   | Multiplier: |

2. Write the equation of the exponential growth/decay in each case.

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| a. Start with \$500, increase by 20% per year     | Equation: |
| b. Start with \$1, increase by 8% per year        | Equation: |
| c. Start with \$30,000, increase by 72% per year  | Equation: |
| d. Start with \$45, increase by 3.4% per year     | Equation: |
|   |           |
| e. Start with \$600,000, decrease by 30% per year | Equation: |
| f. Start with \$1, decrease by 63% per year       | Equation: |
| g. Start with \$100, decrease by 4% per year      | Equation: |

3. You start with \$5,000, and you invest it with a return of 8% per year. How much money will you have in 20 years?

4. In your country, there are 10,000 people, and it is growing at 2.4% per year. How many people will there be in your country in 20 years?

5. Which will end up with more money: starting with \$50,000 and getting 4% interest per year for 30 years, or starting with \$3,000 and getting 15% interest per year for 30 years?

6. The mass of a clump of radioactive plutonium decays away at a rate of 20% per year. If you start with 100g of it, how much will remain after 10 years?

7. Your company's sales growth is described by the function  $y = 4000(1.36)^x$ . By what percent growth is the sales changing every year?

8. Your competition's sales growth is described by the function  $y = 20,000(0.91)^x$ . How would you describe the sales change of your competitor?