## Warm Up



Refresher:
Exponential Equation


Don't depend on where the term is in the equation when identifying the Growth Factor and $y$-Intercept.


The same is true for a linear equation.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& y=m x+b \\
& y=b+m x \\
& y=3+5 x
\end{aligned}
$$

These are all linear equations even though written in different orders.

The slope is always the coefficient in front of the " $x$ ".

How to label parts of the equation:
(Bacteria growing on your teeth every hour)


## 2.3 Studying Snake Populations Interpreting Graphs of Exponential Functions

Garter snakes were introduced to a new area 4 years ago. The population is growing exponentially. The relationship between the number of snakes and the year is modeled with an exponential(function.


## Problem 2.3

(A) The graph shows the growth of the garter snake population.


1. Find the snake population for years 2,3 , and 4 .
2. Use the pattern in your answers from part (1) to estimate the population in Year 1. Explain your reasoning.
3. Explain how you can find the $y$-intercept for the graph.
(B) Explain how to find the growth factor for the population.

C Write an equation relating time $t$ in years and population $p$. Explain what information the numbers in the equation represent.
(D) In what year is the population likely to reach 1,500 ?

E Amy and Chuck were discussing whether this relationship represented an exponential function. Who is correct? Explain why.

Amy's claim It is not a function. When the independent variable is 4 , it looks like there is more than one dependent value associated with it.

Chuck's claim It is a function. The scale used for the graph makes it difficult to read the values when the independent variable is 4 .

## Homework

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