Warm Up

	X	У	
	0	11.16	>×1.7
41 4	1	20)
71 6	2	34)×1.7
+1 4	3	57.8	
+1 (4	98.26)×1.7

What is the growth factor?

Can you write the equation for the data in the table?

Refresher:

Exponential Equation

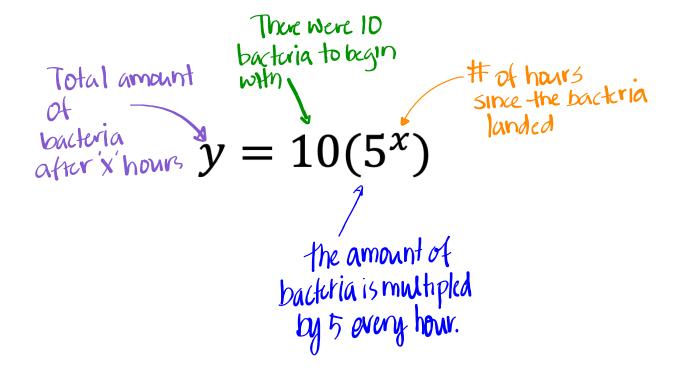
Don't depend on where the term is in the equation when identifying the Growth Factor and y-Intercept.

The same is true for a linear equation.

coefficient in front of the "x".

How to label parts of the equation:

(Bacteria growing on your teeth every hour)

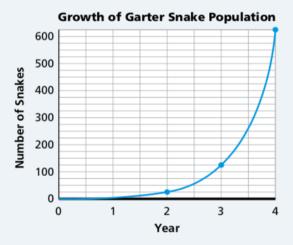


2 3 Studying Snake Populations Interpreting Graphs of Exponential Functions

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.



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