

**Do Now:**

a. For each of the following exponential functions below, determine if it is a *growth* or *decay* model. Explain.

$y = 500(1.2)^x$   
 growth  
 $b > 1$

$h(x) = 20(.25)^x$   
 decay  
 $0 < b < 1$

b. You buy a new car for \$24,000. The value of the car decreases by 16% each year. Guess how much the car will be worth in 20 years from now?

$Y = A(1+r)^t$   
 $Y = 24,000(1-.16)^{20}$

$Y = \$734.17$

**AIM: SOLVING EXPONENTIAL WORD PROBLEMS**

The "YART" Formula for Exponential GROWTH

$$Y = A(1+r)^t$$

- Y = final amount
- A = initial amount
- r = rate as a decimal.
- t = time

1. Jack has \$500 to invest. The bank offers an interest rate of 6% compounded annually.

a. How much money will Jack have after three years?

$A = 500$   
 $r = 6\% = .06$   
 $t = 3$

$Y = 500(1 + .06)^3$

$Y = 595.51$

b. What about after ten years?

$Y = 500(1 + .06)^{10}$

$Y = 895.42$

2. Mr. Smith invested \$2,500 in a savings account that earns 3% interest compounded annually. He made no additional deposits or withdrawals. Which expression can be used to determine the number of dollars in this account at the end of 4 years?

- 1)  $2500(1 + 0.03)^4$
- 2)  $2500(1 + 0.3)^4$
- 3)  $2500(1 + 0.04)^3$
- 4)  $2500(1 + 0.4)^3$

$A = 2,500$   
 $r = 3\% \rightarrow .03$   
 $t = 4 \text{ years}$

3. In 2005, the population of a city was 25,000. The population increased by 20% in the following year. If this rate of increase continues, what will be the population of the city in 2012?

$$A = 25,000$$

$$r = 20\% \rightarrow .2$$

$$t = 7$$

$$2012 - 2005 = 7$$

$$Y = A(1+r)^t$$

$$Y = 25,000(1+.2)^7$$

$$Y = 89,579.52$$

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4. A sum of \$9,000 is invested at an annual percentage rate (APR) of 8.5% compounded annually. Find the balance in the account after 3 years. Round to the nearest dollar.

$$A = 9,000$$

$$r = 8.5\% \rightarrow .085$$

$$t = 3$$

$$Y = A(1+r)^t$$

$$Y = 9,000(1+.085)^3$$

$$Y = \$11,495.60$$

**The "YART" Formula for Exponential DECAY**

$$Y = A(1-r)^t$$

Y = final amount  
 A = initial amount  
 r = rate as a decimal  
 t = time

5. You purchase an I-Pod for \$70. After you take it home from the store, the value of the I-Pod decreases 3% each year. What is the value of the I-Pod after 2 years? Round to the nearest cent.

$$A = 70$$

$$r = .03$$

$$t = 2$$

$$Y = A(1-r)^t$$

$$Y = 70(1-.03)^2$$

$$Y = \$65.86$$

6. Is the equation  $A = 21000(1 - 0.12)^t$  a model of exponential growth or exponential decay, and what is the rate (percent) of change per time period?

- ~~1) exponential growth and 12%~~  
~~2) exponential growth and 88%~~  
 3) exponential decay and 12%  
 ④ exponential decay and 88%

← decay

$$1 - .12 = .88 \rightarrow 88\%$$

**PARTNER PRACTICE:**

7. Raymond buys a new car for \$21,500. The car depreciates by about 11% per year. What is the value of the car after 5 years? Round to the *nearest dollar*.

$$A = 21,500$$

$$r = 11\% = .11$$

$$t = 5$$

$$Y = A(1+r)^t$$

$$Y = 21,500(1 - .11)^5$$

$$Y = \$12,005.72$$

$Y = \$12,006$

8. Kirsten invested \$1000 in an account at an annual interest rate of 3%. She made no deposits or withdrawals on the account for 5 years. The interest was compounded annually. Find the balance in the account, to the *nearest cent*, at the end of 5 years.

$$A = 1000$$

$$r = .03$$

$$t = 5$$

$$Y = A(1+r)^t$$

$$Y = 1000(1 + .03)^5$$

$Y = \$1159.27$

9. A student invests \$500 for 3 years in a savings account that earns 4% interest per year. No further deposits or withdrawals are made during this time. Which statement does not yield the correct balance in the account at the end of 3 years?

~~1)  $500(1.04)^3$~~  decay!

2)  $500(1 - .04)^3$

$$Y = A(1+r)^t$$

$$Y = 500(1 + .04)^3$$

3)  $500(1 + .04)(1 + .04)(1 + .04)$

4)  $500 + 500(.04) + 520(.04) + 540.8(.04)$

10. Daniel's Print Shop purchased a new printer for \$35,000. Each year it depreciates at a rate of 5%. What will its value be at the end of the fourth year?

$$A = 35,000$$

$$r = .05$$

$$t = 4$$

$$Y = A(1-r)^t$$

$$Y = 35,000(1 - .05)^4$$

$Y = \$28,507.72$

