

### 7.3A Multiplication Properties of Exponents (separate)

**Product of Powers Property**

$$a^m \cdot a^n = a^{m+n}$$

(a)  $\frac{x^3 \cdot x^4}{x^2}$       (b)  $\frac{x^2 \cdot y^3 \cdot x^2 \cdot y}{x^2 \cdot y^2}$   
 $= x^5$                        $= x^2 \cdot y^2$

1. When multiplying powers that have the same base, all you have to do is add the exponents.

- You can NOT do this if the bases are not the same.
- Always write the numbers first, and then go in alphabetical order.

Simplify.

1.  $x^3 \cdot x^5$

2.  $y^4 \cdot y^7$

3.  $z^2 \cdot z^6$

4.  $x^3 \cdot x^4 \cdot x^2$

5.  $y^3 \cdot y^4 \cdot y$

6.  $4x^3 \cdot x^2 \cdot 2x^4$

7.  $a^2 \cdot b^3 \cdot a^4$

8.  $x^2 \cdot y^3 \cdot x \cdot y$

9.  $3x^2 \cdot y^3 \cdot 2y^2 \cdot x$

**Power of a Power Property**

$$(a^m)^n = a^{m \cdot n}$$

(a)  $\frac{(x^2)^3}{x^4}$       (b)  $\frac{(y^3)^2 (y^2)^3}{x^2 \cdot y^4}$   
 $= x^2$                        $= x^2 \cdot y^5$

1. When you have a power to a power, all you have to do is multiply the exponents.

- Always write the numbers first, and then go in alphabetical order when simplifying.

Simplify.

10.  $(x^2)^3$

11.  $(m^3)^4$

12.  $(z^5)^2$

13.  $(y^4)^6$

14.  $(x^6)^3$

15.  $(a^7)^4$

16.  $(x^3)^2 \cdot (x^2)^3$

17.  $(y^4)^3 \cdot (y^2)^4$

18.  $(x^2)^3 \cdot (x^3)^4$