

Properties of Exponents
Emphasis on Multiplying Like Bases

Simplify each of the following:

1. $4s^2 \cdot 6s^{-5}y^5$

$$4 \cdot 6 \cdot s^{2+(-5)} y^5$$

$$\boxed{24 s^{-3} y^5}$$

2. $y^6 \cdot y^2$

$$y^{6+2}$$

$$\boxed{y^8}$$

3. $4x \cdot 5x^6$

$$4 \cdot 5 \cdot x^{1+6}$$

$$\boxed{20x^7}$$

4. $7^{-2} \cdot 7^4$

$$7^{-2+4}$$

$$\boxed{7^2} \text{ OR } \boxed{49}$$

5. $8y \cdot 7y^{-3}$

$$8 \cdot 7 \cdot y^{1+(-3)}$$

$$\boxed{56y^{-2}}$$

6. $3t^3 \cdot 9t^4$

$$3 \cdot 9 \cdot t^{3+4}$$

$$\boxed{27t^7}$$

7. $\left(\frac{1}{9}\right)^6 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{9}\right)^2$

$$\left(\frac{1}{9}\right)^{6+2} = \boxed{\left(\frac{1}{9}\right)^8}$$

8. $7d^6 \cdot 4d^{-5}$

$$7 \cdot 4 \cdot d^{6+(-5)}$$

$$\boxed{28d}$$

9. $5r^5 \cdot 4r^{-3} \cdot 9r^{-1}$

$$5 \cdot 4 \cdot 9 \cdot r^{5+(-3)+(-1)}$$

$$\boxed{180r}$$

10. $8 \cdot 8^2$

$$8^{1+2}$$

$$\boxed{8^3} \text{ OR } \boxed{512}$$

$$11. 6h^2 \cdot 8h^3z^6$$

$$6 \cdot 8 \cdot h^{2+3} z^6$$

$$\boxed{48h^5z^6}$$

$$12. c^{-4} \cdot c^2$$

$$c^{-4+2}$$

$$\boxed{c^{-2}}$$

$$13. 6k^2b^6 \cdot 9kb^4$$

$$6 \cdot 9 \cdot b^{6+4} \cdot k^{2+1}$$

$$\boxed{54b^{10}k^3}$$

$$14. \left(\frac{5}{7}\right)^2 \cdot \left(\frac{5}{7}\right)^6$$

$$\left(\frac{5}{7}\right)^{2+6}$$

$$\boxed{\left(\frac{5}{7}\right)^8}$$

$$15. 2g^5h^7 \cdot (-2)g^2h^{-5}$$

$$2 \cdot (-2) \cdot g^{5+2} \cdot h^{7+(-5)}$$

$$\boxed{-4g^7h^2}$$

$$16. 3^2bk \cdot 3^3b^2k^8 \cdot 3^{-3}b^{-1}k$$

$$3^{2+3+(-3)} \cdot b^{1+2+(-1)} \cdot k^{1+8+1}$$

$$\boxed{3^2b^2k^{10}} \quad \text{OR} \quad \boxed{9b^2k^{10}}$$

$$17. \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{-2} \cdot \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^9$$

$$\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{-2+9}$$

$$\boxed{\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^7}$$

$$18. -1x^2y^{-5}z \cdot -6x^{-3}y^8z^{-1} \cdot 3x^7y^{-3}z^3$$

$$-1 \cdot (-6) \cdot 3 x^{2+(-3)+7} y^{-5+8+(-3)} z^{1+(-1)+3}$$

$$\boxed{18x^6y^0z^3}$$

$$19. t^2u^5 \cdot t^6u^{-4} \cdot 2t^{-1}u^3$$

$$2 \cdot t^{2+6+(-1)} \cdot u^{5+(-4)+3}$$

$$\boxed{2t^7u^4}$$

$$20. \left(\frac{4}{9}\right)^{14} \cdot \left(\frac{4}{9}\right)^{15}$$

$$\left(\frac{4}{9}\right)^{14+15}$$

$$\boxed{\left(\frac{4}{9}\right)^{29}}$$