

**Warm-up:**

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Solve the following equation for x.

$$5^{2x} = 130$$
$$\log_5 130 = 2x$$
$$\frac{\log 130}{\log 5} = 2x$$
$$\frac{3.02}{2} = \frac{2x}{2}$$
$$1.51 = x$$

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<p><math>\log_{10} 100</math> can be written as <u>log 100</u></p>	<p><math>\log_e 8</math> can be written as <u>ln 8</u></p>

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Examples:

1)  $\log_{10} x = 5$  ← Log Form

→  $10^5 = x$  Exponential Form

$100,000 = x$

2)  $\log_{10} y = 2$

→  $10^2 = y$

$100 = y$

3)  $5 = e^y$

$e^y = 5$

$\log_e 5 = y$

$\ln 5 = y$

$1.61 = y$

4)  $\ln x = 6$

$\log_e x = 6$

$e^6 = x$

$403.43 = x$

**Algebra 2 In-class Homework**  
**Solving Equations – Special Bases**

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**Change of Base Formula**

**LOGARITHMIC FORM**

**EXPONENTIAL FORM**

$$\log_b x = \frac{\log x}{\log b}$$

$$\log_b y = x$$

$$b^x = y$$

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**Part I – Write each equation in exponential form**

1.)  $\log 1000 = 3$

2.)  $\ln e^5 = 5$

3.)  $\log_5 125 = 3$

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4.)  $\ln 1 = 0$

5.)  $\log 0.001 = -3$

6.)  $\log 10 = 1$

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**Part II – Write each equation in logarithmic form**

7.)  $3^4 = 81$

8.)  $10^5 = 100,000$

9.)  $e^0 = 1$

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10.)  $10^{-2} = 0.01$

11.)  $e^1 = e$

12.)  $4^3 = 64$

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**Part III – Mixed Practice Solving. If necessary, round to the nearest hundredths.**

**13.)**  $\log_8(x + 25) = 2$

**14.)**  $12\log(2x - 30) = 36$

**15.)**  $\ln(3x) = 2$

**16.)**  $-3\log_2(x - 3) = -18$

**17.)**  $\log x = 1.7$

**18.)**  $40e^{1.25x} - 200 = 2000$

**19.)**  $7\ln 2x = 21$

**20.)**  $10\log_8(4x - 12) = 30$

**21.)**  $100 \cdot e^{0.2x} = 300$

