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Practice Assignment

Growth: $y = a(1+r)^t$	Decay: $y = a(1-r)^t$
Key Words:	Key Words:

Directions: Create an exponential model and use it to solve each problem.

Example 1: Russell's health and fitness blog is really taking off. The blog had 45,000 commenters this month and the number of commenters has consistently gone up by 10% per month. How many commenters can Russell expect to have in 5 months?

Example 2: A pot of soup, currently at 84°C is left out to cool. If that temperature decreases by 5% per minute, what will the temperature be in 5 minutes?

Example 3: The population of a small town started at 233 people in 1999. If the population grows at a rate of 16% per year, how many people are now in the town in 2006?

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Example 4: Raheem was offered two different jobs as a webmaster. Each job had different starting annual salaries and different increases each year. The table shows the salaries for the first few years. Use this information to answer questions 11–13. Round all answers to the nearest dollar.

Practice

Year	Job A	Job B
1	\$30,000.00	\$24,000.00
2	\$30,660.00	\$25,080.00
3	\$31,334.52	\$26,209.00

Answer the following questions about Job A:	Answer the following questions about Job B:	
a. What is Raheem's annual pay raise percent?	a. What is Raheem's annual pay raise percent?	
b. Create an equation to represent Job A:	b. Create an equation to represent Job B:	
c. What is the annual salary for the 5 th year?	c. What is the annual salary for the 5 th year?	
d. At what year will Job B pay a higher annual salary than .	Job A?	
Example 5: The value of a rare baseball card increases every year at a rate of 4%. Today, the card is worth \$300. The owner expects to sell the card as soon as the value is over \$600. How many years will the owner wait before selling the card? Round your answer to the nearest whole number.		