1. Suppose that in January there is a magnitude 2.5 earthquake hitting the east coast of the United States. Six months later, a magnitude 6.5 earthquake hits the west coast. How many times more intense was the west coast quake compared to the east coast quake?

- 2. How many times more intense is a 5.0 magnitude earthquake compared to a 1.0 magnitude earthquake?
- 3. A speaker is playing music at 60 decibels. A second speaker playing the same music at the same decibel reading is placed beside the first. What is the decibel reading of the pair of speakers?

- 4. If the per capita growth rate of the world population continues to be what it was in the year 2000, the world population t years after July 1, 2000, will be 6.085×1.0121^t billion. According to this formula, when will the world population reach 8 billion?
- 5. The acidity of a solution is determined by the concentration *H* of hydrogen ions. The formula is $pH = -\log H$. The accompanying exponential formula is $H = 0.1^{pH}$. Lower pH values indicate a more acidic solution. Normal rain has a pH of 7.6. Suppose acid rain has a pH of 3.9. How many times as acidic as normal rain is this?
- 6. What is the solution to $9.5 = 4.05^{t}$?

7. You have \$400 and wish to buy a computer. You find an investment that increases by 7% each month, and you put your \$400 into the account. When will the amount enable you to purchase a computer costing \$1200?

8. Suppose that a certain jet engine up close produces sound at 185 decibels. What is the decibel reading of a pair of nearby jet engines?

9. From 1929 to the early 1930s, the prices of consumer goods actually decreased. Economists call this phenomenon *deflation*. The rate of deflation during this period was around 5% per year. Suppose this rate of deflation persisted over a period of 15 years. What would be the cost after 15 years of an item that costs \$2200 initially?

10. The energy released by an earthquake is related to the magnitude by an exponential function: Energy = $25,000 \times 31.6^{\text{Magnitude}}$. The unit of energy in the above equation is a *joule*. One joule is approximately the energy expressed in lifting $\frac{3}{4}$ of a pound 1 foot. The earthquake that devastated a certain country on January 12, 2010 had a magnitude of 7.5 and killed hundreds of thousands of people. How much energy was released by this earthquake?