

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 $\text{pH} = -\log H$. The accompanying exponential formula is $H = 0.1^{\text{pH}}$. 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 $9.5 = 4.05^t$?

