

Algebra 1 7.6

Solve problems involving exponential growth

Solve problems involving exponential decay

exponent

base

whiteboards

$$\begin{array}{l} \uparrow \\ y = a(1 \pm r)^t \\ \downarrow \end{array}$$

Quiz tomorrow 7.5-7.6

$$A = P \left( 1 + \frac{r}{n} \right)^{nt}$$
$$\left( \frac{r}{n} \right)^{4t}$$

**1 Exponential Growth** The equation for the number of blogs is in the form  $y = a(1 + r)^t$ . This is the general equation for exponential growth.

 **Key Concept** Equation for Exponential Growth

$a$  is the initial amount.

$t$  is time.

$$y = a(1 + r)^t$$

$y$  is the final amount.

$r$  is the rate of change  
expressed as a decimal,  $r > 0$ .

depreciation

 **KeyConcept** Equation for Exponential Decay

$a$  is the initial amount.

$t$  is time.

$$y = a(1 - r)^t$$

$y$  is the final amount.

$r$  is the rate of decay expressed as a decimal,  $0 < r < 1$ .

How are they the same? How are they different?

**Compound interest** is interest earned or paid on both the initial investment and previously earned interest. It is an application of exponential growth.

### KeyConcept Equation for Compound Interest

$A$  is the current amount.

$$A = P \left( 1 + \frac{r}{n} \right)^{nt}$$

$n$  is the number of times the interest is compounded each year, and  $t$  is time in years.

$P$  is the principal or initial amount.

$r$  is the annual interest rate expressed as a decimal,  $r > 0$ .



3. **ENROLLMENT** In 2000, 2200 students attended Polaris High School. The enrollment has been declining 2% annually.
- Write an equation for the enrollment of Polaris High School  $t$  years after 2000.
  - If this trend continues, how many students will be enrolled in 2015?

6. **COINS** Camilo purchased a rare coin from a dealer for \$300. The value of the coin increases 5% each year. Determine the value of the coin in 5 years.

10. **INVESTMENTS** Jin's investment of \$4500 has been losing its value at a rate of 2.5% each year. What will his investment be worth in 5 years? \_\_\_\_\_

