

8-2 Practice

Dividing Monomials

Simplify. Assume that no denominator is equal to zero.

1. $\frac{8^8}{8^4} = 8^4 \text{ or } 4096$

2. $\frac{a^4 b^6}{a b^3} = a^3 b^3$

3. $\frac{x y^2}{x y} = y$

4. $\frac{m^5 n p}{m^4 p} = m n$

5. $\frac{5c^2 d^3}{-4e^2 d} = -\frac{5}{4} d^2$

6. $\frac{8y^7 z^6}{4y^6 z^5} = 2yz$

7. $\left(\frac{4f^3 g}{3h^6}\right)^3 = \frac{64f^9 g^3}{27h^{18}}$

8. $\left(\frac{6w^5}{7p^6 s^3}\right)^2 = \frac{36w^{10}}{49p^{12}s^6}$

9. $\frac{-4c^2}{24c^5} = -\frac{1}{6c^3}$

10. $x^3(y^{-5})(x^{-8}) = x^{-5} y^{-5} = \frac{1}{x^5 y^5}$

11. $p(q^{-2})(r^{-3}) = \frac{p}{q^2 r^3}$

12. $12^{-2} = \frac{1}{12^2} = \frac{1}{144}$

13. $\left(\frac{3}{7}\right)^{-2} \frac{3^{-2}}{7^{-2}} = \frac{7^2}{3^2} = \frac{49}{9}$

14. $\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^{-4} \frac{4^{-4}}{3^{-4}} = \frac{3^4}{4^4} = \frac{81}{256}$

15. $\frac{22r^3 s^2}{11r^2 s^{-3}} = 2rs^5$

16. $\frac{-15w^6 u^{-1}}{5u^3} - 3u^{-4} = \frac{-3}{u^4}$

17. $\frac{8c^3 d^2 f^4}{4c^{-1} d^2 f^{-3}} = 2c^4 d^7$

18. $\left(\frac{x^{-3} y^5}{4^{-3}}\right)^0 = 1$

19. $\frac{6f^{-2} g^3 h^5}{54f^{-2} g^{-5} h^3} = \frac{1}{9g^8 h^2}$

20. $\frac{-12t^{-1} u^5 v^{-4}}{2t^{-3} u v^5} = \frac{-6t^2 u^4}{\sqrt{9}}$

21. $\frac{r^4}{(3r)^3} = \frac{r^4}{27r^3} = \frac{r}{27}$

22. $\frac{m^{-2} n^{-5}}{(m^4 n^3)^{-1}} - \frac{m^{-2} n^{-5}}{m^{-4} n^{-3}} = \frac{m^2}{n^2}$

23. $\frac{(j^{-1} k^3)^{-4}}{j^3 k^3} \cdot \frac{j^4 k^{-12}}{j^3 k^3} = \frac{1}{k^{15}}$

24. $\frac{(2a^{-2} b)^{-3}}{5a^2 b^4} \frac{2^{-3} a^6 b^{-3}}{5a^2 b^4} = \frac{4}{40b^7}$

25. $\left(\frac{q^{-1} r^3}{qr^{-2}}\right)^{-5} = \frac{q^5 r^{-15}}{q^5 r^{10}} = \frac{r^{-10}}{r^{25}}$

26. $\left(\frac{7c^{-3} d^3}{c^5 d e^{-4}}\right)^{-1} \frac{7^{-1} c^3 d^{-3}}{c^{-5} d^{-1} e^4} = \frac{c^8}{7d^2 e^4}$

27. $\left(\frac{2x^3 y^2 z}{3x^4 yz^{-2}}\right)^{-2} \frac{2^{-2} x^{-6} y^{-4} z^{-2}}{3^{-2} x^{-8} y^{-2} z^4} = \frac{9x^2}{4y^2 z^6}$

28. **BIOLOGY** A lab technician draws a sample of blood. A cubic millimeter of the blood contains 22^3 white blood cells and 22^5 red blood cells. What is the ratio of white blood cells to red blood cells?

$$\frac{22^3}{22^5} = 22^{-2} = \frac{1}{22^2} \text{ or } \frac{1}{484}$$

29. **COUNTING** The number of three-letter "words" that can be formed with the English alphabet is 26^3 . The number of five-letter "words" that can be formed is 26^5 . How many times more five-letter "words" can be formed than three-letter "words"?

$$\frac{26^5}{26^3} = 26^2 \text{ or } 676$$