A rectangle has side lengths, 2x + 8 and 3cm. Determine a **simplified expression** for the **area** of the rectangle. If the **area** of the rectangle is $72cm^2$, **solve** for x. Use this value and **determine** the actual dimensions of the rectangle. What is the perimeter of the rectangle?

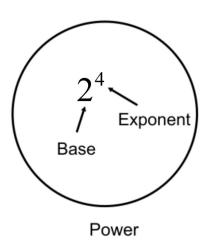
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5.2 Powers of Powers, Products and Quotients

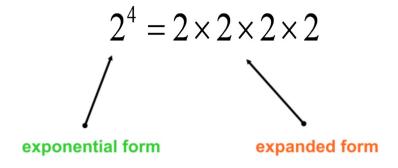
Goal(s)

- To identify the resulting exponent when a power is raised to a power
- To identify equivalent expressions involving powers
- Simplify expressions involving powers

Recall that a **power** is a product of identical factors and consists of two parts: a **base** and an **exponent**.



The base is the *identical factor*, and the exponent tells how many *factors* there are.



Investigating the Power Rules

Complete each table below. Is there a relationship between the exponents in the first column and the exponent in the last column?

Power of a Power	Expanded Form	Single Power
$\left(2^2\right)^3$	$ (22) \times (22) \times (22) $ $= (2 \times 2) \times (2 \times 2) \times (2 \times 2) $	2^6
$\left(10^4\right)^2$	(10×10×10×10)×(10×10×10×10	108
$(n^3)^2$	$(u \times u \times v) \times (u \times u \times v)$	76

Relationship?

When raising a power to a power we MULTIPLY the exponents. The base stays the same. $(x^m)^n = x^{m \times n}$

Power of a Power Rule

A power of a power can be written as a **single power** by **multiplying** the exponents.

$$(x^a)^b = x^{a \times b}$$

Coveful when the base has a
Coefficient. The coefficient needs to
Eg. $(2x^2)^3$ be raised to the
exponent as well.
 $= 2^{1 \times 3} x^{2 \times 3}$
 $= 2^3 x^6 \implies 8x^6$

Write each product as a single power. Then evaluate the power.

$$(4^{2})^{3} = 4^{2\times 3} = 4^{6}$$

$$[(-5)^{7}]^{2} = (-5)^{7\times 2} = (-5)^{14}$$

$$(12^{2})^{4} \div 12^{5} = 12^{2\times 4} \div 12^{5}$$

$$= 12^{8} \div 12^{5}$$

$$= 12^{8-5} \implies 12^{3}$$

$$\frac{[(-9)^{7}]^{-3}}{(-9)^{-22}} = (-9)^{7\times -3} \div (-9)^{-22}$$

$$= (-9)^{-21} \div (-9)^{-22}$$

$$= (-9)^{-21} - (-2^{2}) \implies (-9)^{1} = -9$$

Rewrite with a single power.

$$(-6m^3n^4)^2 = (-6)^{2} m^3 \times 2 + 2$$

$$= (-6)^2 m^6 n^8$$

$$= 36m^6 n^8$$