Y8 Standard Form

What do I need to be able to do?

By the end of this unit you should be able to:
- Write numbers in standard form and as ordinary numbers
- Order numbers in standard form
- Add/ Subtract with standard from
- Multiply/ Divide with standard form
- Use a calculator with standard form

Keywords

Standard (index) Form: A system of writing very big or very small numbers

Commutative: an operation is commutative if changing the order does not change the result.

Base: The number that gets multiplied by a power

Power: The exponent — or the number that tells you how many times to use the number in multiplication

Exponent: The power — or the number that tells you how many times to use the number in multiplication

Indices: The power or the exponent.

Negative: A value below zero.

Positive powers of 10

1 billion — 1 000 000 000

$10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10 = 10^9$

Addition rule for indices $10^a \times 10^b = 10^{a+b}$

Subtraction rule for indices $10^a \div 10^b = 10^{a-b}$

Standard form with numbers >1

Any number between 1 and less than 10 → $A \times 10^n$ ← Any integer

Example

3.2×10^4

$= 3.2 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10$

$= 32000$

Non-example

$(0.8) \times 10^4$

$5.3 \times 10^{(07)}$

Negative powers of 10

0.001

$1 \times \frac{1}{1000}$

1×10^{-3}

10	1	$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{1}{1000}$
10^1	10^0	10^{-1}	10^{-2}	10^{-3}
0	0	0	0	1

Any value to the power 0 always = 1

Negative powers do not indicate negative solutions

Numbers between 0 and 1

0.054

$= 5.4 \times 10^{-2}$

1	$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{1}{1000}$
10^0	10^{-1}	10^{-2}	10^{-3}
0	0	5	4

A negative power does not mean a negative answer — it means a number closer to 0

Order numbers in standard form

10^2	10^1	10^0	10^{-1}	10^{-2}	10^{-3}	10^{-4}

6.4×10^{-2} 2.4×10^2 3.3×10^0 1.3×10^{-1}

0.064 240 1 0.13

Look at the power first will the number be = > or < than 1

Use a place value grid to compare the numbers for ordering

Mental calculations

$6.4 \times 10^2 \times 1000$ Not in Standard Form

$= 6.4 \times 10^2 \times 10^3$ Use addition for indices rule

$= 6.4 \times 10^5$

$(2 \times 10^3) \div 4$ Divide the values

$= (2 \div 4) \times 10^3$

$= 0.5 \times 10^3$

$(8) \times 10^5 \times (3)$ Not in Standard Form

$= 24 \times 10^5$ Not in Standard Form

$= 2.4 \times 10^1 \times 10^5$ Use addition for indices rule

$= 2.4 \times 10^6$

Remember the layout for standard form

Any number between 1 and less than 10 → $A \times 10^n$ ← Any integer

Addition and Subtraction

Tip: Convert into ordinary numbers first and back to standard from at the end

$$6 \times 10^5 + 8 \times 10^5$$

Method 1

$= 600000 + 800000$

$= 1400000$

$= 1.4 \times 10^5$

More robust method
Less room for misconceptions
Easier to do calculations with negative indices
Can use for different powers

Method 2

$= (6 + 8) \times 10^5$

$= 14 \times 10^5$

$= 1.4 \times 10^1 \times 10^5$

$= 1.4 \times 10^5$

This is not the final answer

Only works if the powers are the same

Multiplication and division

$\dfrac{1.5 \times 10^5}{0.3 \times 10^3}$ Division questions can look like this

$(1.5 \times 10^5) \div (0.3 \times 10^3)$

$(15 \div 0.3) \times 10^5 \div 10^3$

$= 5 \times 10^2$

For multiplication and division you can look at the values for A and the powers of 10 as two separate calculations

Revisit addition and subtraction laws for indices — they are needed for the calculations

Addition law for indices
$$a^m \times a^n = a^{m+n}$$

Subtraction law for indices
$$a^m \div a^n = a^{m-n}$$

Using a calculator

$14 \times 10^5 \quad \times \quad 3.9 \times 10^3$

Input 14 and press ×10ˣ Then press 5 (for the power)

Press ✕

Input 3.9 and press ×10ˣ Then press 3 (for the power)

Press =

Use a calculator to work out this question to a suitable degree of accuracy

This gives you the solution

Click calculator for video tutorial

To put into standard form and a suitable degree of accuracy

Press SHIFT SETUP and then press 7 for sci mode.

Choose a degree of accuracy so in most cases press 2

Answer: 5.5×10^8