# (Scientific Notation) Positive: ES1

## Example:

Write 3, 200 in scientific notation.

We should move the decimal point 3 places to the left. So, the exponent will be 3.

$$3,200 = 3.2 \times 10^3$$

Express each number in scientific notation.

# (Scientific Notation) Mixed: ES1

## Example: 1

Write 6, 224 in scientific notation.

$$6\sqrt{2}\sqrt{2}\sqrt{4}$$

We should move the decimal point 3 places to the left. So, the exponent will be 3.

$$6,224 = 6.224 \times 10^3$$

## Example: 2

Write 0.0087 in scientific notation.

We should move the decimal point 3 places to the right. So, the exponent will be -3.

$$0.0087 = 8.7 \times 10^{-3}$$

Express each number in scientific notation.

### How Are Exponents Used in Everyday Life?

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#### Scientific Scales

Any time that a scientific field uses a scale, like the pH scale or the Richter scale, you can bet you will find exponents. Both the pH scale and the Richter scale are logarithmic relationships with each whole number representing a ten-fold increase from the number before it. For example, when chemists indicate a substance has a pH of 7, they know this represents 107while a substance with a pH of 8 represents 108. This means that the substance with the pH of 8 is 10 times more basic than the substance with the pH of 7.

Geophysicists also use a logarithmic scale. An earthquake that measures a 7 on the Richter scale clocks in at 107 for seismic energy while an earthquake measuring an 8 represents 108 for seismic energy. This means the second earthquake is 10 times more powerful than the first.

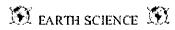
#### Writing Large or Small Numbers

Sometimes scientists must use exceptionally large or small numbers. Scientific notation relies on exponents to write these numbers in a simpler way. For example, the large number 21,492 is  $2.1492 \times 104$  in scientific notation. This literally means  $2.1492 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10$ . To translate scientific notation into standard notation, you should move the decimal to the right the number of places indicated by the exponent. In the same way, the small number .067 is  $6.7 \times 10-2$  in scientific notation. When the exponent is negative, you should move the decimal to the left to find the number in standard notation.

#### **Taking Measurements**

One of the most common real world applications of exponents involves taking measurements and calculating multi-dimensional quantities. **Area** is the measure of space in two dimensions (length x width), so you always measure it in square units like square feet or square meters. For instance, when you calculate the area of a garden bed using feet, you should provide the solution in square feet or ft2 using an exponent.

Similarly, **volume** is the measure of space in three dimensions (length x width x height), so you always measure it in cubic units like cubic feet or cubic meters. For example, if you wanted to calculate the volume of a greenhouse, you would provide the answer in cubic feet or ft3 using an exponent.



## Earthquake Magnitude

## Richter Scale

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7	1,000,000	Severe damage to structures; cracks in the ground; damage extending 10 km from epicenter.
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