

**A. Lesson Context**

BIG PICTURE of this UNIT:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How can we analyze growth or decay patterns in data sets &amp; contextual problems?</li><li>• How can we algebraically &amp; graphically summarize growth or decay patterns?</li><li>• How can we compare &amp; contrast linear and exponential models for growth and decay problems.</li><li>• How can we extend basic function concepts using exponential functions?</li></ul>
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**B. Lesson Objectives**

- i. Study the graphs of exponential functions → Use DESMOS to complete this investigation

**PART 1 – Concept Investigations****DESMOS Investigation #1**

- (a) Graph  $y = 2^x$
- (b) Then graph  $y = a \cdot 2^x$  and add slider
- (c) set the slider for  $a$  for  $1 < a < 10$
- (d) play the slider
- (e) Now set the slider for  $-10 < a < -1$  & play the slider
- (f) record observations and describe the effect of “ $a$ ” on the exponential function**

Working with Function Notations and Function Concepts

- (g) graph  $f(x) = 2^x$
- (h) graph  $y = a \cdot f(x)$  and add slider
- (i) set the slider for  $1 < a < 10$
- (j) play the slider
- (k) CONCLUSION → what does  $a$  in the equation  $y = af(x)$  do? Does it matter what  $f(x)$  is?**

**DESMOS Investigation #2**

- (a) Graph  $y = 2^x$
- (b) Then graph  $y = 2^{bx}$  and add slider
- (c) set the slider for  $1 < b < 10$
- (d) play the slider
- (e) set the slider for  $-10 < b < -1$  & play the slider
- (f) set the slider for  $0 < b < 1$  & play the slider
- (g) record observations and describe the effect of “ $b$ ” on the exponential function**

Working with Function Notations and Function Concepts

- (h) graph  $f(x) = 2^x$
- (i) graph  $y = f(bx)$  and add slider
- (j) set the slider for  $0 < b < 10$
- (k) play the slider

**(l) CONCLUSION → what does  $b$  in the equation  $y = f(bx)$  do? Does it matter what  $f(x)$  is?**

### DESMOS Investigation #3

- (a) Graph  $y = 2^x$
- (b) Then graph  $y = 2^{x+c}$  and add slider
- (c) set the slider for  $a$  for  $0 < c < 20$
- (d) play the slider
- (e) Now set the slider for  $-20 < c < 0$  & play the slider

**(f) record observations and describe the effect of “ $c$ ” on the exponential function**

Working with Function Notations and Function Concepts

- (g) graph  $f(x) = 2^x$
- (h) graph  $y = f(x + c)$  and add slider
- (i) set the slider for  $0 < c < 20$
- (j) play the slider

**(k) CONCLUSION → what does  $c$  in the equation  $y = f(x + c)$  do? Does it matter what  $f(x)$  is?**

### DESMOS Investigation #4

- (a) Graph  $y = 2^x$
- (b) Then graph  $y = 2^x + d$  and add slider
- (c) set the slider for  $0 < d < 20$
- (d) play the slider
- (e) Now set the slider for  $-20 < d < 0$  & play the slider

**(f) record observations and describe the effect of “ $d$ ” on the exponential function**

Working with Function Notations and Function Concepts

- (g) graph  $f(x) = 2^x$
- (h) graph  $y = f(x) + d$  and add slider
- (i) set the slider for  $0 < d < 20$
- (j) play the slider

**(k) CONCLUSION → what does  $d$  in the equation  $y = f(x) + d$  do? Does it matter what  $f(x)$  is?**

**CONCLUSION → If you are given an equation like  $y = af(b(x + c)) + d$  → what are the transformational effects of  $a, b, c, d$**