

## Geometric Sequence Practice

**Geometric Sequences**

3      9      27      81

$\xrightarrow{\times 3}$      $\xrightarrow{\times 3}$      $\xrightarrow{\times 3}$

**Recursive Formula**

$$a_n = a_{n-1} * r \rightarrow \text{COMMON ratio}$$

**Explicit Formula**

$$a_n = a_1 * r^{n-1}$$

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1. Find the next 3 terms in the geometric sequences below.
 

a) {2, 6, ...}
b) {10, 5, ...}
c) {12, -6, ...}
  
2. Find the 6<sup>th</sup> term in each of the following geometric sequences.
 

a) {3, 6, 12, 24, ...}
b) {2, 10, 50, ...}
c) {512, 256, 128, ...}
  
3. Find the 9<sup>th</sup> term in each of the following geometric sequences.
 

a) {1, 3, 9, 27, ...}
b) {12, 18, 27, ...}
c)  $\{\frac{1}{16}, -\frac{1}{8}, \frac{1}{4}, -\frac{1}{2}, \dots\}$ 
d) {a, ar, ar<sup>2</sup>, ...}
  
4. Consider the sequence {5, 10, 20, 40, ...}
 

a) Show that the sequence is geometric.

c) Find the value of the 15<sup>th</sup> term.

b) Find the equation for the general term.
  
5. Consider the sequence  $\{12, -6, 3, -\frac{3}{2}, \dots\}$ 

a) Show that the sequence is geometric.

c) Find the value of the 13<sup>th</sup> term (as a fraction).

b) Find the equation for the general term.
  
6. Find k given that the following sequences are geometric.
 

a) {7, k, 28, ...}
b) {k, 3k, 20-k, ...}
c) {k, k+8, 9k, ...}

SOLUTIONS

1. a) 18, 54, 162    b) 2.5, 1.25, 0.625    c) 3, -1.5, 0.75

2. a) 96    b) 6250    c) 16

3. a) 6561    b)  $\frac{19683}{64}$     c) 16    d)  $ar^8$

4. a)  $r = 3$     b)  $u_n = 5(2)^{n-1}$     c)  $u_{15} = 81\,920$

5. a)  $r = -\frac{1}{2}$     b)  $u_n = 12\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1}$     c)  $u_{13} = \frac{3}{1024}$

6. a)  $\pm 14$     b) 2    c) -2 or 4

7. a)  $u_n = 3(2)^{n-1}$     b)  $u_n = 10(\pm\sqrt{2})^{1-n}$