



Exponential Function Solution Equation - Growth (Discrete) Scenario to Starting Value

1

A savings account starts with a certain amount of cash. Each subsequent year it earns 5% in interest. After 3 years it has \$231.

Rearrange the exponential equation to solve for for the starting cash given this scenario?

A	B
$P_0 = \frac{231}{(1 + 0.05)^3}$	$P_0 = \frac{231}{(1 - 0.05)^3}$

2

An insect population starts at a certain size. Each subsequent yearly breeding season it grows by 4%. After 6 years it has increased to a population of 253.

Rearrange the exponential equation to solve for for the starting population given this scenario?

A	B
$P_0 = \frac{253}{(1 - 0.04)^6}$	$P_0 = \frac{253}{(1 + 0.04)^6}$
$P_0 = 253 \cdot (1 + 0.04)^6$	

3

A savings account starts with a certain amount of cash. Each subsequent quarter it earns 9% in interest. After 2 quarters it has \$950.

Rearrange the exponential equation to solve for for the starting cash given this scenario?

A	B
$P_0 = \frac{950}{(1 - 0.09)^2}$	$P_0 = \frac{950}{(1 + 0.09)^2}$

4

An insect population starts at a certain size. Each subsequent yearly breeding season it grows by 4%. After 7 years it has increased to a population of 263.

Rearrange the exponential equation to solve for for the starting population given this scenario?

A	B
$P_0 = \frac{263}{(1 + 0.04)^7}$	$P_0 = \frac{263}{(1 - 0.04)^7}$
$P_0 = 263 \cdot (1 + 0.04)^7$	

5

An insect population starts at a certain size. Each subsequent yearly breeding season it grows by 6%. After 8 years it has increased to a population of 478.

Rearrange the exponential equation to solve for for the starting population given this scenario?

A	B
$P_0 = 478 \cdot (1 + 0.06)^8$	$P_0 = \frac{478}{(1 + 0.06)^8}$
$P_0 = \frac{478}{(1 - 0.06)^8}$	

6

A savings account starts with a certain amount of cash. Each subsequent year it earns 8% in interest. After 9 years it has \$599.

Rearrange the exponential equation to solve for for the starting cash given this scenario?

A	B
$P_0 = \frac{599}{(1 + 0.08)^9}$	$P_0 = \frac{599}{(1 - 0.08)^9}$
$P_0 = 599 \cdot (1 + 0.08)^9$	

7

A savings account starts with a certain amount of cash. Each subsequent quarter it earns 6% in interest. After 8 quarters it has \$478.

Rearrange the exponential equation to solve for for the starting cash given this scenario?

A	B
$P_0 = 478 \cdot (1 + 0.06)^8$	$P_0 = \frac{478}{(1 + 0.06)^8}$
$P_0 = \frac{478}{(1 - 0.06)^8}$	

8

A rabbit population starts at a certain size. Each subsequent yearly breeding season it grows by 5%. After 3 years it has increased to a population of 926 rabbits.

Rearrange the exponential equation to solve for for the starting population given this scenario?

A	B
$P_0 = \frac{926}{(1 - 0.05)^3}$	$P_0 = \frac{926}{(1 + 0.05)^3}$