1. Simplify the expression. Write your answer using exponents.

**a.** 
$$5^4 \cdot 5^8$$

**b.** 
$$(-4)^7 \cdot (-4)^3$$

**c.** 
$$(-10)^5 \cdot (-10)^2$$

**d.** 
$$8^2 \cdot 8^4 \cdot 8$$

**e.** 
$$2^5 \cdot 2 \cdot 2^4$$

**f.** 
$$(3^5)^2$$

**g.** 
$$(9^3)^7$$

**h.** 
$$(15^2)^4$$

i. 
$$[(-4)^5]^9$$

**j.** 
$$(13 \cdot 19)^4$$

**k.** 
$$(48 \cdot 27)^6$$

1. 
$$(135 \cdot 8)^5$$

2. Simplify the expression.

**a.** 
$$x^5 \cdot x^2$$

**b.** 
$$y^3 \cdot y \cdot y^4$$

**c.** 
$$a^{10} \cdot a^2 \cdot a^6$$

**d.** 
$$(z^5)^5$$

**e.** 
$$(b^7)^2$$

**f.** 
$$[(b+1)^2]^3$$

**g.** 
$$(-3x)^4$$

**h.** 
$$-(3x)^4$$

i. 
$$(2ab)^5$$

**j.** 
$$(2x^3y)^6$$

**k.** 
$$(3m^7)^4 \cdot m^3$$

1. 
$$4p^2 \cdot (3p^5)^2$$

3. Find the missing exponent.

**a.** 
$$x^6 \cdot x^7 = x^{12}$$

**b.** 
$$(x^4)^? = x^{12}$$

**c.** 
$$(3z^2)^3 = 27z^{18}$$

- **4.** In 1996, the newspaper circulation in the country of Algeria was approximately  $10^3$  times the newspaper circulation in the country of Mauritania. The newspaper circulation in Mauritania was  $10^3$ . What was the newspaper circulation in Algeria?
- **5.** The metric system has names for very large weights.
  - **a.** One gigaton is  $10^2$  times the weight of a hectaton. One hectaton is  $10^2$  ton. Write one gigaton in tons.
  - **b.** One teraton is  $10^9$  times the weight of a kiloton. One kiloton is  $10^3$  ton. Write one teraton in tons.
  - **c.** One exaton is 10<sup>6</sup> times the weight of a teraton. Use your answer to part (b) to write one exaton in tons.
- **6.** You are designing a wall mural that will be composed of squares of different sizes. One of the requirements of your design is that the side length of each square is itself a perfect square.
  - **a.** If you represent the side length of a square as  $x^2$ , write an expression for the area of a mural square.
  - **b.** Find the area of a mural square when x = 5.
  - **c.** Find the area of a mural square when x = 10.