

LT 1/4 How do I solve exponential
Equations for x ?

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Ex 1:

$$\begin{array}{r} 3^{2x} - 12 = 15 \\ + 12 \quad + 12 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$3^{\downarrow 2x} = 27 \rightarrow$$

$$2x = \log_3 27$$

$$2x = \frac{\log 27}{\log 3}$$

$$\frac{2x}{2} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{3}{2} \text{ or } 1.5$$

1. Isolate
the exponent

2. Convert from
exponential
to Log

3. Simplify the
Log

4. Solve for x

Ex 2: $\frac{4}{4} \cdot 2^{x-1} = \frac{28}{4}$

$$2^{\downarrow x-1} = 7$$

$$x-1 = \log_2 7$$

$$x-1 = \frac{\log 7}{\log 2}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x-1 = 2.81 \\ +1 \quad +1 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$x = 3.81$$

A. $x = \log_{10} 15$

$$x = \frac{\log 15}{\log 6}$$

C. $\log_3 x = 5$
 $3 \rightarrow \uparrow$

$$x = 3^5$$

B. $4^x = 24$

$$x = \log_4 24$$

$$x = \frac{\log 24}{\log 4}$$

D. $x = \log 1000$