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RULES YOU NEED TO KNOW....

Definition of a Log: if $a = b^y$ then $\log_b a = y$

Product Rule: $\log_b AB = \log_b A + \log_b B$

Quotient Rule: $\log_b \frac{A}{B} = \log_b A - \log_b B$

Power Rule: $\log_b a^n = n \log_b a$

Change of Base Rule: $\log_b a = \frac{\log_n a}{\log_n b}$

(where, n represents any base - although we usually use base 10 because our calculators operate using base 10)

Some deductive reasoning...

if $a^x = a^y$, then $x = y$ similarly, **if $\log_a x = \log_a y$, then $x = y$**