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right of the x). If the calculator doesn't have such a button, you just have to multiply the number times itself (e.g., 13x13). Question What are the functions of a calculator? A scientific calculator can calculate angles using sine, cosine, and tangent. It can change the a number from decimal to hexadecimal or octal. It can also solve equations. Some scientific calculators allow you to store your own formula as well. Most are capable of calculating fraction, index and root. Question How do I use the log function on a scientific calculator? The log is the inverse function of raising a number by a power. It takes the input number (base) and the output number and calculates which number the base must be raised to the power of to produce the output - e.g. $x^n = y \rightarrow \log_y(x) = n$ (the y would be given in subscript) and this is stated "Log base y of x equals n." If you have a modern calculator, there should be a log button with two blank rectangles allowing you to input the base and the output to find the power. On an older calculator, however, you will need to use a "log-law" to convert it into an equation involving the log function (meaning log base 10). Do this by typing \log_y/\log_x to give answer n. See more answers Ask a Question Advertisement Thanks Advertisement Thanks for reading our article! If you'd like to learn more about math, check out our in-depth interview with JohnK Wright V. Co-authored by: Texas Certified Math Teacher This article was co-authored by JohnK Wright V and by wikiHow staff writer, Kyle Smith. JohnK Wright V is a Certified Math Teacher at Bridge Builder Academy in Plano, Texas. With over 20 years of teaching experience, he is a Texas SBEC Certified 8-12 Mathematics Teacher. He has taught in six different schools and has taught pre-algebra, algebra 1, geometry, algebra 2, pre-calculus, statistics, math reasoning, and math models with applications. He was a Mathematics Major at Southeastern Louisiana and he has a Bachelor of Science from The University of the State of New York (now Excelsior University) and a Master of Science in Computer Information Systems from Boston University. This article has been viewed 605,714 times. Co-authors: 26 Updated: February 24, 2025 Views: 605,714 Categories: Calculators Print Send fan mail to authors Thanks to all authors for creating a page that has been read 605,714 times. "Quick, concise, and to the point. Found exactly what I was looking for easily. Will continue to use! Good stuff. " Share your story