

**6.5 Extra Practice**

In Exercises 1–3, use  $\log_5 3 \approx 0.683$  and  $\log_5 6 \approx 1.113$  to evaluate the logarithm.

1.  $\log_5 81$                       2.  $\log_5 \frac{1}{6}$                       3.  $\log_5 \frac{1}{2}$

In Exercises 4–6, expand the logarithmic expression.

4.  $\log_3 12x^7$                       5.  $\log_6 \frac{5x^2}{y^3}$                       6.  $\log_8 6\sqrt{xy}$

7. Describe and correct the error in expanding the logarithmic expression.

$\times \quad \ln \sqrt[3]{xy} = \frac{1}{3} \ln x + \ln y$

In Exercises 8–11, condense the logarithmic expression.

8.  $5 \log_9 x - \log_9 4$                       9.  $\log_8 5 + \frac{1}{4} \log_8 x$
10.  $2 \ln 4 + 5 \ln x + 3 \ln y$                       11.  $\log_6 9 + 2 \log_6 \frac{1}{3} - 3 \log_6 x$

In Exercises 12–14, use the change-of-base formula to evaluate the logarithm.

12.  $\log_8 15$                       13.  $\log_3 30$                       14.  $\log_4 \frac{8}{17}$

15. Your friend claims you can use the change-of-base formula to write the expression  $\frac{\ln y}{\ln 3}$  as a logarithm with base 3. Is your friend correct? Explain your reasoning.

16. For a sound with intensity  $I$  (in watts per square meter), the loudness  $L(I)$  of the sound (in decibels) is given by the function  $L(I) = 10 \log \frac{I}{I_0}$ , where  $I_0$  is the intensity of a barely audible sound (about  $10^{-12}$  watts per square meter). The bass guitar player in a band turns up the volume of the speaker so that the intensity of the sound triples. By how many decibels does the loudness increase?