

## **Warm Up**

Review for your quiz on objectives  
1.1 - 2.4

Gather materials: scrap paper,  
calculators, pencil

## Critter Project Example

### Sock Mice

- started with 2 mice  $(0, 2)$
- I left them in my secret lab at Garinger.
- They escaped.
- on the next day, I found 7 of them  $(1, 7)$ .

Step 2: Write the growth equation

$$y = ae^{rt}$$

$$\text{initial } a = 2$$

$$y = 2e^{rt}$$

$$7 = 2e^{r(1)}$$

$$\text{secondary measure} = (1, 7)$$

$$\frac{7}{2} = e^{1r}$$

Solve for  
the rate

$$\ln(7/2) = 1r$$

$$1.253 = r$$

$$\text{rate of growth} = 125.3\% \text{ per day}$$

EQUATION:

$$y = 2e^{1.253t}$$

### Step 3: Critical Mass

CM = the amount of critters that can live based on food supply.

- My sock mice need 2 red shoes to live
- There are 30,000 red shoes available in Charlotte.
- $CM = \frac{30,000}{2} = 15,000$  sock mice

Determine when population reaches CM

$$y = 2e^{1.253(t)}$$

$$15000 = 2e^{1.253t}$$

$$7500 = e^{1.253t}$$

$$\ln(7500) = 1.253t$$

$$\frac{\ln(7500)}{1.253} = t$$

$$\boxed{7.12 = t}$$

It takes  
7.12 days for my  
sock mice to  
reach CM pop.  
of 15,000 mice.



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Threshold = 2 times CM =  $2 \times 15000 = 30,000$   
from rubric  
instructions

Find how long it takes to reach Threshold:

$$30,000 = 2e^{1.253t}$$

$$15000 = e^{1.253t}$$

$$\ln(15000) = 1.253t$$

$$\frac{\ln(15000)}{1.253} = t$$

$$\boxed{7.67 = t}$$

It takes  
7.67 days to  
reach threshold.

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**Remember: project due on Tuesday!**

**No school on Monday!**

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