

# Comparing Growth Rates

Materials needed: graphing calculator or laptops to check work online (e.g., Desmos)

Graph the following functions:

$$f(x) = 3(1.5)^x$$

$$f(x) = 3(3)^x$$

$$f(x) = 3(6)^x$$

What do you notice about the steepness of the graph as the growth factor ( $b$ ) changes?

The slope gets (steeper/shallower) as the growth factor (increases/decreases).

Write 3 additional functions with the same y-intercept but different growth rate.

1.  $f(x) =$

Effect on graph:

2.  $f(x) =$

Effect on graph:

3.  $f(x) =$

Effect on graph:

Write a summary statement that describes the effect of the growth rate on the graph of an exponential function.