

Identifying Patterns

KEY

Give the next two numbers in the pattern then a) tell what kind of pattern it is, and b) describe the factor of change.

1) 3, 7, 11, 15, 19

a. Arithmetic

b. + 4

2) 1, 3, 9, 27, 81, 243

a. Geometric

b. $\times 3$

3) 1, 4, 7, 10, 13, 16

a. Arithmetic

b. + 3

4) 3, 9, 27, 81, 243, 729

a. Geometric

b. $\times 3$

5) 18, 12, 6, 0, -6, -12

a. Arithmetic

b. +(-6)

6) 5, 10, 20, 40, 80, 160

a. Geometric

b. $\times 2$

7) 1, 3, 4, 7, 11, 18

a. Summing

b. Add Prev. 2

8) 9, 16, 25, 36, 49

a. Squaring

b. x^2

9) -12, -7, -2, 3, 8, 13

a. Arithmetic

b. + 5

10) 1, 8, 27, 64, 125, 216

a. Cubing

b. x^3

11) 112, 56, 28, 14, 7

a. Geometric

b. $\times 1/2$

12) 4, 1, -2, -5, -8

a. Arithmetic

b. + (-3)

13) 2, 4, 8, 16, 32

a. Geometric

b. $\times 2$

14) 64, 81, 100, 121, 144

a. Squaring

b. x^2

15) 216, 125, 64, 27, 9

a. Cubing

b. Decreasing x^3

16) 3, 6, 12, 24, 48, 96

a. Geometric

b. $\times 2$

17) 49, 36, 25, 16, 9

a. Squaring

b. Decreasing x^2

18) 7, 2, -3, -8, -13, -18

a. Arithmetic

b. + (-5)

19) 4, 6, 10, 16, 26, 42

a. Summing

b. Add Prev. 2

20) 125, 64, 27, 8, 1

a. Cubing

b. Decreasing x^3

21) 36, 47, 58, 69, 81

a. Arithmetic

b. + 11

22) 48, 24, 12, 6, 3, 1.5

a. Geometric

b. $\times 1/2$

23) 8, 12, 18, 27, 40.5, 60.75

a. Geometric

b. $\times 1.5$

24) 27, 9, 3, 1, 1/3

a. Geometric

b. $\times 1/3$

25) 5, 10, 17, 26, 37, 50

a. Squaring

b. $x^2 + 1$

26) 4, 7, 12, 19, 28, 39

a. Squaring

b. $x^2 + 3$

27) 2.1, 3.4, 4.7, 6.0, 7.3, 8.6

a. Arithmetic

b. + 1.3

28) 2, 3, 4.5, 6.75, 10.125, 15.19

a. Geometric

b. $\times 1.5$

29) 10, 18, 28, 40, 54, 70

a. Squaring

b. $x^2 + (x - 2)$

30) 6.5, 1.8, -2.9, -7.6, -12.3, -17

a. Arithmetic

b. + (-4.7)

31) 4.2, 9.66, 22.22, 51.11, 117.56, 270.39

a. Geometric

b. $\times 2.3$

32) 8, 6, 4.5, 3.375, 2.53, 1.90

a. Geometric

b. $\times .75$

33) 2, 8, 18, 32, 50, 72

a. Squaring

b. $2x^2$

34) 2, 9, 18, 29, 42, 57

a. Squaring

b. $x^2 - 7$

35) 3, 10, 29, 66, 127, 218

a. Cubing

b. $x^3 + 2$

36) 2, 10, 30, 68, 130, 222, 350

a. Cubing

b. $x^3 + x$