

**Log Tables** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VRzH4xB0GdM>

### 1) Word study – Criminal Records

Fill in a sample “criminal record” for three words from the list.

logarithm, mistake, mathematical table, calculator, lad, professional, decimal places, multiplication, simplification

1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>Name</b>	John Smith	<i>fat</i>			
<b>Place of residence</b>	29 Baker Street West Croydon	<i>body</i>			
<b>Known associates</b>	Peter Jackson Arthur Baines	<i>carbohydrates</i> <i>cholesterol</i>			
<b>Criminal record</b>	robbery, terrorism, kidnapping	<i>heart disease</i> <i>ugliness</i>			

### 2) True or false?

- Common logarithm, also known as the decimal logarithm, was named after its base.
- Henry Briggs was an American mathematician who pioneered its use.
- Common logarithms are indicated by  $\log_e(x)$ .
- The method of logarithms was publicly propounded by John Napier in 1514, in a book entitled *Mirifici Logarithmorum Canonis Descriptio*.
- Due to their utility in saving work in laborious multiplications and divisions with pen and paper, tables of base 10 logarithms were given in appendices of many books.
- Such a table of "common logarithms" gave the logarithm, often to 14 or 15 decimal places, of each number in the left-hand column, which ran from 1 to 10 by small increments, perhaps 0.01 or 0.001.
- There was only a need to include numbers between 1 and 10, since the logarithms of larger numbers can then easily be derived.
- Electronic calculators were not in widespread use before the early 1970s.
- Early digital computers were developed during World War I. in part to produce specialized mathematical tables for aiming artillery.
- Numbers between (and excluding) 0 and 2 have negative logarithms.

**3) Listen to and watch the video about logarithm tables. Then try to explain:**

a) How and why can you replace multiplication and division by addition and subtraction?

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b) How do you work with log tables (i.e. how can you find  $\log_{10}(37)$  or  $\log_{10}(59)$ ?)

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c) What do you use antilogarithm tables for?

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d) What does the professor think about accuracy and reliability of log tables?

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LOGARITHMS, BASE 10  $\log_{10}x$  or  $\lg x$

x											ADD									
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
10	.0000	0043	0086	0128	0170							4	8	13	17	21	25	29	34	38
						0212	0253	0294	0334	0374		4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36
11	.0414	0453	0492	0531	0569							4	8	11	15	19	22	26	30	33
						0607	0645	0682	0719	0755		4	7	11	15	19	22	26	30	33
12	.0792	0828	0864	0899	0934							4	7	11	14	18	21	25	28	32
						0969	1004	1038	1072	1106		3	7	10	14	17	20	24	27	31
13	.1139	1173	1206	1239	1271							3	7	10	13	16	20	23	26	30
						1303	1335	1367	1399	1430		3	6	10	13	16	19	22	26	29
14	.1461	1492	1523	1553	1584	1614	1644	1673	1703	1732		3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27
15	.1761	1790	1818	1847	1875	1903	1931	1959	1987	2014		3	6	8	11	14	17	20	22	25
16	.2041	2068	2095	2122	2148	2175	2201	2227	2253	2279		3	5	8	10	13	16	18	21	23
17	.2304	2330	2355	2380	2405	2430	2455	2480	2504	2529		2	5	7	10	12	15	17	20	22
18	.2553	2577	2601	2625	2648	2672	2695	2718	2742	2765		2	5	7	10	12	14	17	19	22
19	.2788	2810	2833	2856	2878	2900	2923	2945	2967	2989		2	4	6	9	11	13	15	18	20
20	.3010	3032	3054	3075	3096	3118	3139	3160	3181	3201		2	4	6	8	11	13	15	17	19
21	.3222	3243	3263	3284	3304	3324	3345	3365	3385	3404		2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18
22	.3424	3444	3464	3483	3502	3522	3541	3560	3579	3598		2	4	6	8	10	11	13	15	17
23	.3617	3636	3655	3674	3692	3711	3729	3747	3766	3784		2	4	5	7	9	11	13	14	16
24	.3802	3820	3838	3856	3874	3892	3909	3927	3945	3962		2	4	5	7	9	11	13	14	16
25	.3979	3997	4014	4031	4048	4065	4082	4099	4116	4133		2	3	5	7	9	10	12	14	15
26	.4150	4166	4183	4200	4216	4232	4249	4265	4281	4298		2	3	5	6	8	10	11	13	14
27	.4314	4330	4346	4362	4378	4393	4409	4425	4440	4456		2	3	5	6	8	10	11	13	14
28	.4472	4487	4502	4518	4533	4548	4564	4579	4594	4609		2	3	5	6	8	9	11	12	14
29	.4624	4639	4654	4669	4683	4698	4713	4728	4742	4757		1	3	4	6	7	9	10	12	13
30	.4771	4786	4800	4814	4829	4843	4857	4871	4886	4900		1	3	4	6	7	8	10	11	13
31	.4914	4928	4942	4955	4969	4983	4997	5011	5024	5038		1	3	4	6	7	8	10	11	13
32	.5051	5065	5079	5092	5105	5119	5132	5145	5159	5172		1	3	4	5	7	8	9	10	12
33	.5185	5198	5211	5224	5237	5250	5263	5276	5289	5302		1	3	4	5	6	8	9	10	12
34	.5315	5328	5340	5353	5366	5378	5391	5403	5416	5428		1	3	4	5	6	8	9	10	12
35	.5441	5453	5465	5478	5490	5502	5514	5527	5539	5551		1	2	4	5	6	7	8	10	11
36	.5563	5575	5587	5599	5611	5623	5635	5647	5658	5670		1	2	4	5	6	7	8	10	11
37	.5682	5694	5705	5717	5729	5740	5752	5763	5775	5786		1	2	4	5	6	7	8	10	11
38	.5798	5809	5821	5832	5843	5855	5866	5877	5888	5899		1	2	3	4	6	7	8	9	10
39	.5911	5922	5933	5944	5955	5966	5977	5988	5999	6010		1	2	3	4	6	7	8	9	10
40	.6021	6031	6042	6053	6064	6075	6085	6096	6107	6117		1	2	3	4	5	7	8	9	10
41	.6128	6138	6149	6160	6170	6180	6191	6201	6212	6222		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
42	.6232	6243	6253	6263	6274	6284	6294	6304	6314	6325		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
43	.6335	6345	6355	6365	6375	6385	6395	6405	6415	6425		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
44	.6435	6444	6454	6464	6474	6484	6493	6503	6513	6522		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
45	.6532	6542	6551	6561	6571	6580	6590	6599	6609	6618		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
46	.6628	6637	6646	6656	6665	6675	6684	6693	6702	6712		1	2	3	4	5	5	6	7	8
47	.6721	6730	6739	6749	6758	6767	6776	6785	6794	6803		1	2	3	4	5	5	6	7	8
48	.6812	6821	6830	6839	6848	6857	6866	6875	6884	6893		1	2	3	4	4	5	6	7	8
49	.6902	6911	6920	6928	6937	6946	6955	6964	6972	6981		1	2	3	4	4	5	6	7	8

Examples:

$$\lg 3.674 = 0.5647 + 0.0005 = 0.5652$$

$$\lg 367.4 = \lg (3.674 \times 10^2) = 2.5652$$

$$\lg 0.003674 = \lg (3.674 \times 10^{-3}) = \bar{3}.5652$$

Constant	$\pi$	$e$	$\lg e$	$\ln 10$
Value	3.14159	2.71828	0.43429	2.30259
log (base 10)	0.49715	0.43429	1.63778	0.36222