## Graphs of Exponents and Logarithms

## Exponential Functions with Base Greater than One



- $a^{0}=1$
- Horizontal asymptote at $y=0$
- When $x$ is a large negative number, $y$ is a small positive number
- $y$ is always strictly positive


## Logarithmic Functions with Base Greater than One

You mainly need to know the graph of $\log _{a}$ when $a>1$. The most common case of this is $\ln (x)=\log _{e}(x)$. $e$ is just a number, approximately 2.7
$\log _{a}(x)$ is the inverse of $a^{x}$, so the roles of $x$ and $y$ are exchanged


- $\log _{a}(1)=0$
- Vertical asymptote at $x=0$
- When $x$ is a small positive number, $y$ is a large negative number
- $x$ is always strictly positive


## Exponential Functions with Base Smaller than One



- $a^{0}=1$
- Horizontal asymptote at $y=0$
- When $x$ is a large positive number, $y$ is a small positive number
- $y$ is always strictly positive

