

# Logarithmic functions

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$$y = \log_5 (x-1) + 3$$

Domain:  $(1, \infty)$

Range:  $(-\infty, \infty)$

must be  
greater than  
zero

no zeros  
no negatives

$$x - 1 > 0$$

$$+1 \quad +1$$

$$x > 1$$

Convert to exponential  
make table of values to  
graph

exponent base solution

$$(y-3) = \log_5 (x-1)$$

$$5^{y-3} = x-1$$

x	y
2	3
6	4
26	5
	2

to make easiest  
use values  
to get whole  
numbers

$$5^0 = 1$$

$$5^1 = 5$$

$$5^2 = 25$$

etc.

$$1 = x-1$$

$$+1 \quad +1$$

$$2 = x$$

$$5 = x-1$$

$$+1 \quad +1$$

$$25 = x-1$$

$$+1 \quad +1$$

start w/  
y-values

