**For exponential functions of the form,**

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**the following characteristics exist:**

**Domain:** The values that we can put in for **\_\_\_\_\_**. Since the graph of every exponential function expands in **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** directions (**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**), the domain of all exponential functions is **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (\_\_\_\_\_\_).

**Horizontal Asymptote:** A dashed line that the exponential function approaches more and more closely, but **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** touches. The equation of the asymptote is **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Range:** The values that we can get out for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Since a > 0, then the range is always \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

\*Because k is the value of the asymptote, the range can NEVER be **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** to k.

**X-Intercept:** The point where the graph crosses the x-axis (**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**). To find the x-intercept algebraically, plug in zero for y and solve for x.

**Y-Intercept:** The point where the graph crosses the y-axis (**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**). To find the y-intercept algebraically, plug in zero for x and solve for y.

**Intervals of Increase or Decrease**: Exponential functions can only do **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** or the other…**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** both.

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| **Increasing :** | **Decreasing :** |
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| \*make sure to **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** increase or decrease! |

**End Behavior:** What does **\_\_\_\_\_** approach as x becomes are larger **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and larger **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** number?

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| **Exponential Growth:** | **Exponential Decay:** |

**Example: Describe the characteristics for the exponential function.**

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