## - NEGATIVE EXPONENTS AND ZERO EXPONENTS -

The **Negative Exponent Property** helps you simplify expressions that have negative exponents. It states that you can write a power with a negative exponent as a fraction with 1 in the numerator and a positive exponent in the denominator.

$$x^{-n} = \frac{1}{x^n}$$

*Let's try it!* Simplify 8<sup>-3</sup> using the Negative Exponent Property.

$$8^{-3} = \frac{1}{8^3}$$

The **Zero Exponent Property** helps you simplify expressions that have a nonzero base raised to the zero power. It states that any nonzero base raised to the zero power is 1.

$$x^0 = 1$$

*Let's try it!* Simplify 7° using the Zero Exponent Property.

$$7^{\circ} = 1$$

- *Try it yourself!* Use the properties above to simplify each expression.

$$9^{-3} =$$
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$$0.8^{\circ} =$$

$$20^{-1} =$$
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$$\left(\frac{12}{7}\right)^0 = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$$