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— POWER OF A POWER — —

The **Power of a Power Property** helps you simplify expressions that have a power raised to a power. It states that you can keep the base and multiply the exponents.

$$(\mathbf{X}^n)^m = \mathbf{X}^n \cdot m$$

Let's try it! Simplify $(7^3)^2$ using the Power of a Power Property.

$$(7^3)^2 = 7^{3 \cdot 2} = 7^6$$

You can see why this property works by expanding each power and simplifying.

$$(7^{3})^{2} = (7 \cdot 7 \cdot 7)^{2} = (7 \cdot 7 \cdot 7) \cdot (7 \cdot 7 \cdot 7) = 7 \cdot 7 \cdot 7 \cdot 7 \cdot 7 \cdot 7 = 7^{6}$$

