

15. Answers may vary. Linear functions have a constant rate of change, while an exponential function has a constant finite ratio.

 $f(x) = 3 \cdot 4^{*}$ for x = -1 as shown at the right. Describe and correct the student's mistake.

- 16. No; the value of the base cannot be negative.
- **17.** The student did not use the order of operations correctly. You must evaluate the exponent before you multiply: $f(-1) = 3 \cdot 4^{-1} = 3 \cdot \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4}$.

18. {0.04, 0.2, 1, 5, 25, 125}; increase
19. {0.16, 0.4, 1, 2.5, 6.25, 15.625}; increase
20. {100, 10, 1, 0.1, 0.01, 0.001}; decrease
21. {0.3125, 1.25, 5, 20, 80, 320}; increase
22. {4, 2, 1, 0.5, 0.25, 0.125}; decrease
23. {0.015625, 0.125, 1, 8, 64, 512}; increase
24. {0.04, 0.4, 4, 40, 400, 4000}; increase

35. They are the same. **36.** $f(x) = 200x^2$ **37.** $y = 3^x$ **38.** $f(x) = 100x^2$