

## PROBLEM SOLVING

### EXAMPLE 4

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35. **DVD PLAYERS** From 1997 to 2002, the number  $n$  (in millions) of DVD players sold in the United States can be modeled by  $n = 0.42(2.47)^t$  where  $t$  is the number of years since 1997.
- Identify the initial amount, the growth factor, and the annual percent increase.
  - Graph the function. Estimate the number of DVD players sold in 2001.

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36. **INTERNET** Each March from 1998 to 2003, a website recorded the number  $y$  of referrals it received from Internet search engines. The results can be modeled by  $y = 2500(1.50)^t$  where  $t$  is the number of years since 1998.
- Identify the initial amount, the growth factor, and the annual percent increase.
  - Graph the function and state the domain and range. Estimate the number of referrals the website received from Internet search engines in March of 2002.

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37. **ACCOUNT BALANCE** You deposit \$2200 in a bank account. Find the balance after 4 years for each of the situations described below.
- The account pays 3% annual interest compounded quarterly.
  - The account pays 2.25% annual interest compounded monthly.
  - The account pays 2% annual interest compounded daily.
38. **DEPOSITING FUNDS** You want to have \$3000 in your savings account after 3 years. Find the amount you should deposit for each of the situations described below.
- The account pays 2.25% annual interest compounded quarterly.
  - The account pays 3.5% annual interest compounded monthly.
  - The account pays 4% annual interest compounded yearly.
39. **MULTI-STEP PROBLEM** In 1990, the population of Austin, Texas, was 494,290. During the next 10 years, the population increased by about 3% each year.
- Write a model giving the population  $P$  (in thousands) of Austin  $t$  years after 1990. What was the population in 2000?
  - Graph the model and state the domain and range.
  - Estimate the year when the population was about 590,000.
40. **★ SHORT RESPONSE** At an online auction, the opening bid for a pair of in-line skates is \$50. The price of the skates increases by 10.5% per bid during the next 6 bids.
- Write a model giving the price  $p$  (in dollars) of the skates after  $n$  bids.
  - What was the price after 5 bids? According to the model, what will the price be after 100 bids? Is this predicted price reasonable? *Explain.*



Austin, Texas

