

## PROBLEM SOLVING

### EXAMPLE 4

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55. **CAMERA PHONES** The number of camera phones shipped globally can be modeled by the function  $y = 1.28e^{1.31x}$  where  $x$  is the number of years since 1997 and  $y$  is the number of camera phones shipped (in millions). How many camera phones were shipped in 2002?

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56. **BIOLOGY** Scientists used traps to study the Formosan subterranean termite population in New Orleans. The mean number  $y$  of termites collected annually can be modeled by  $y = 738e^{0.345t}$  where  $t$  is the number of years since 1989. What was the mean number of termites collected in 1999?

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### EXAMPLE 5

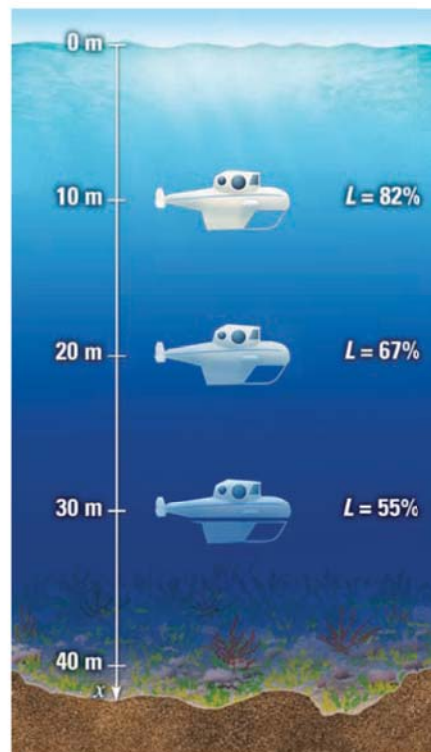
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57. **FINANCE** You deposit \$2000 in an account that pays 4% annual interest compounded continuously. What is the balance after 5 years?

58. **FINANCE** You deposit \$800 in an account that pays 2.65% annual interest compounded continuously. What is the balance after 12.5 years?

59. **MULTI-STEP PROBLEM** The percent  $L$  of surface light that filters down through bodies of water can be modeled by the exponential function  $L(x) = 100e^{kx}$  where  $k$  is a measure of the murkiness of the water and  $x$  is the depth below the surface (in meters).

- A recreational submersible is traveling in clear water with a  $k$ -value of about  $-0.02$ . Write and graph an equation giving the percent of surface light that filters down through clear water as a function of depth.
- Use your graph to estimate the percent of surface light available at a depth of 40 meters.
- Use your graph to estimate how deep the submersible can descend in clear water before only 50% of surface light is available.



60. **★ EXTENDED RESPONSE** The growth of the bacteria *mycobacterium tuberculosis* can be modeled by the function  $P(t) = P_0e^{0.116t}$  where  $P(t)$  is the population after  $t$  hours and  $P_0$  is the population when  $t = 0$ .
- Model** At 1:00 P.M., there are 30 *mycobacterium tuberculosis* bacteria in a sample. Write a function for the number of bacteria after 1:00 P.M.
  - Graph** Graph the function from part (a).
  - Estimate** What is the population at 5:00 P.M.?
  - Reasoning** Describe how to find the population at 3:45 P.M.