



**34. MASS** The mass  $m_1$  of a gate of the Thames Barrier in London is about  $1.5 \times 10^6$  kilograms. The mass  $m_2$  of the Great Pyramid of Giza is about  $6 \times 10^9$  kilograms. Find the ratio of  $m_1$  to  $m_2$ . What does the ratio tell you?

## 8.5 Write and Graph Exponential Growth Functions pp. 520–527

## EXAMPLE

Graph the function  $y = 4^x$  and identify its domain and range.

*STEP 1* Make a table. The domain is all real numbers.

	x	-1	0	1	2
	у	$\frac{1}{4}$	1	4	16

- **STEP 2** Plot the points.
- *STEP 3* **Draw** a smooth curve through the points.
- *STEP 4* **Identify** the range. As you can see from the graph, the range is all positive real numbers.

## **EXAMPLES 2 and 3** on p. 521 for Exs. 35–39

## EXERCISES

Graph the function and identify its domain and range.

**35.**  $y = 6^x$ 

**36.**  $y = (1.1)^x$  **37.**  $y = (3.5)^x$  **38.**  $y = \left(\frac{5}{2}\right)^x$ 

**39.** Graph the function  $y = -5 \cdot 2^x$ . Compare the graph with the graph of  $y = 2^x$ .

