

# Math Diversion Problem 762

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Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to  
succeed is always to try just one more time.  
—Thomas Edison

The material here is found at:

Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ySvzli6KhKo>  
Title: Japanese || Olympiad Logarithmic Math problem |  
Presenter: Mathpoints

## 1 The Problem

Given the relation

$$\log_{\sqrt{8}} x = \frac{10}{3}, \quad (1)$$

find the real value of  $x$ .

## 2 The Solution

Let's employ some lemmas about logarithms.<sup>1</sup>

$$\log_{\sqrt{8}} x = \frac{\log_2 x}{\log_2 \sqrt{8}} \quad (2a)$$

$$= \frac{\log_2 x}{\frac{1}{2} \log_2 8} \quad (2b)$$

$$= 2 \frac{\log_2 x}{\log_2 2^3} \quad (2c)$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} \log_2 x = \frac{10}{3}. \quad (2d)$$

So,

$$\log_2 x = 5. \quad (3)$$

Thus,

$$x = 2^5 = 32. \quad (4)$$

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<sup>1</sup>In WolframAlpha you can use 'Log[\sqrt{8}, x] = 10/3, solve for x', no quotes.