

2.9 Solving Word Problems Without Graphing

Recall:

Growth/Decay Formula
$$y = ab^{\frac{t}{p}}$$

a = initial amount

b = rate of change

t = time passed

P = time to multiply(period)

y = future amount



Ex.) A sample of radioactive material has a half-life of 2.8 hours and the sample decreases to 7.3 g in 36 h. What is the initial amount?

$$y = 4/p$$

 $y = ab$
 $36/2.8$
 $7.3 = a(1/2)$
 $7.3 = a(1.35...×104)$
 $Cl = 54 kg$
 $= 54163g$

