LESSON Practice B 7-5 Exponential and Logarithmic Equations and Inequalities Solve and check. 2. $12^{2x-8} = 15$ **3.** $2^{x+6} = 4$ 1. $5^{2x} = 20$ **5.** $243^{0.2x} = 81^{x+5}$ 4. $16^{5x} = 64^{x+7}$ 6. $25^{x} = 125^{x-2}$ 8. $\left(\frac{1}{32}\right)^{2x} = 64$ 7. $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{x} = 16^{2}$ 9. $\left(\frac{1}{27}\right)^{x-6} = 27$ Solve. **11.** $\log_3 x^6 = 12$ **12.** $\log_{4} (x-6)^{3} = 6$ **10.** $\log_4 x^5 = 20$ **14.** $\log x + \log 5 = 2$ **13.** $\log x - \log 10 = 14$ **15.** $\log (x+9) = \log (2x-7)$ **16.** $\log (x + 4) - \log 6 = 1$ **17.** $\log x^2 + \log 25 = 2$ **18.** $\log (x-1)^2 = \log (-5x-1)$ Use a table and graph to solve. **20.** log $x^3 = 12$ **19.** $2^{x-5} < 64$ **21.** $2^{x}3^{x} = 1296$

Solve.

22. The population of a small farming community is declining at a rate of 7% per year. The decline can be expressed by the exponential equation $P = C(1 - 0.07)^{t}$, where P is the population after t years and C is the current population. If the population was 8,500 in 2004, when will the population be less than 6,000?