

Study the following.

When adding or subtracting decimals:

1. Write the numbers in a column, lining up the decimal points.
2. Write a decimal point in the answer area, lined up with the numbers in the problem.
3. Add or subtract the numbers.

Example: $2.1 + 1.7$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2.1 \\ + 1.7 \\ \hline 3.8 \end{array}$$

decimal points lined up

If the place values in the decimal part are different, add zeros to make equivalent decimals, then add or subtract.

Example: $4.2 + .31$

$$\begin{array}{r} 4.20 \\ + .31 \\ \hline 4.51 \end{array}$$

← added zero

Write in a column and add or subtract.

1. $3.4 + 1.7$
2. $1.19 + 1.3$
3. $8.7 - 1.05$
4. $1.2 + .043 + .51$
5. $10.6 - 7.3$
6. $.54 + .234 + 2.19$

Study the following.

If there is no decimal point, write one in on the right side of the whole number.

Examples: 6 is the same as 6.

243 is the same as 243.

1200 is the same as 1200.

Add or subtract the following. Write in any needed decimal points.

1. $34 + 1.2$

2. $7 + 3.45$

3. $15.1 + 233.12 + 5$

4. $4 - 1.3$

5. $12 - 4.5$

6. $10 - .05$

7. $3.2 + 4 + 2.35$

Study the following.

To multiply decimals:

Step 1: Write the numbers one above the other lining up the right most digits. It doesn't matter where the decimal points are.

$$\begin{array}{r} 1.23 \\ \times 1.4 \\ \hline 492 \\ 123 \\ \hline 1722 \end{array}$$

Step 2: Multiply the same as with whole numbers.

Step 3. Count the total number of places the decimals are from the right of both numbers.

$$\begin{array}{l} 1.23 \quad \text{Two places} \\ 1.4 \quad \text{plus One place} \\ \hline \text{equals Three total places} \end{array}$$

Step 4. Count this many places from the right of the Answer and mark the decimal point there.

$$1.722$$

Example 2:

$$\begin{array}{r} 3.241 \quad \text{Three places} \\ \times 5.12 \quad \text{Plus two places} \\ \hline 6482 \\ 32410 \\ \hline 1620500 \\ \hline 16.59392 \quad \text{Equals 5 places} \end{array}$$

Multiply the following.

1. 3.2×7.1

2. $.23 \times .43$

3. $4.3 \times .12$

4. $.62 \times 1.3$

5. $1.24 \times .62$

6. $41.3 \times .015$

7. $30.2 \times .33$