

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. $30.2 \times .33$