Multiply Decimals by Decimals



To multiply a decimal by a decimal, multiply as you would whole numbers. Then count the total number of decimal places in both factors. Write the same number of decimal places in the product. Sometimes you have to write zeros to place the decimal in the product.

Multiply:
$$4.7 \times 2.63$$

Estimate: $5 \times 3 = 15$

$$2.63 \leftarrow 2$$
 decimal places

$$\frac{\times 4.7}{1841} \leftarrow 1$$
 decimal place

 $12.361 \leftarrow 3$ decimal places

Multiply: 0.5×0.07

$$\times$$
 0.5 \leftarrow 1 decimal place 0.035 \leftarrow 3 decimal places

$$\uparrow$$

Write a zero to place the decimal in the product.

Compare the product and the estimate. 12.361 is close to 15, so 12.361 is a reasonable answer.

Write the number of decimal places. Multiply. Estimate to check if your answer is reasonable.

$$\leftarrow$$
 _____ decimal place(s)

$$\times$$
 0.9 \leftarrow ____ decimal place(s)

$$\times$$
 3.7 \leftarrow _____ decimal place(s)

$$\times$$
 2.8 \leftarrow ____ decimal place(s)

Multiply. Estimate to check if your answer is reasonable.

 \times 0.6

 \times 0.5

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Find the number that makes each problem true.

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Problem Solving

Solve.

- 27. Beth works as a lifeguard at a city park. She earns \$9.50 per hour and works 7.5 hours each day. How much does she earn each day?
- **28.** The cost of renting a pedal boat at the city park is \$6.25 per hour. Jason rented a boat for 1.5 hours. To the nearest cent, how much did the pedal boat rental cost?