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28 Decimal Notation



Objective

To write fractions with denominators of 10 and 100 as equivalent decimals

Introduction

Briefly review place value and the fundamental principle that each place has a value ten times that of the place to its immediate right. Students should recall that this means each place to the right has $\frac{1}{10}$ the value of the place to its left. Then extend the discussion to place value to the right of the ones place. Note that the decimal places are separated from the whole number places by the decimal point, which is read as "and." Then work through the examples on the page and demonstrate locating a decimal on the number line. Be sure students understand that $\frac{54}{100}$ falls between $\frac{5}{10}$ and $\frac{6}{100}$.

Think About It 🔎

Students should recognize that money is written in decimal notation. As a second example, they might cite weights on digital scales or amounts purchased at a gas pump.

Common Core Learning Standard

4.NF.6 Use decimal notation for fractions with denominators 10 or 100.

Vocabulary

decimal notation: a way to write a fraction with a denominator of 10 or 100 using place value

denom

0.6

0.7 0.8

How many hundredths

Lesson 28

1 tenth is equal

Focused Instruction

In the first activity, students relate the denominator of a fraction to the place that represents it in a decimal number. They identify tenths as the first place to the right of the decimal point. Then they relate the places that the digits of a decimal number occupy to the denominators of fractions. They rewrite each place as a fraction, add the fractions, and write the sum as a fraction equivalent to the original decimal.

Next, students convert a fraction in hundredths to a decimal. They then locate its position on a number line, using the values of its tenths and hundredths digits.

Conclude the Focused Instruction section by having students convert two numbers between decimal and fractional forms.

Guided Practice

Students should complete the Guided Practice section on their own. Offer assistance as needed, pointing out the reminder and hint boxes along the right/side of the page.



2 Focused Instruction

Add the fractions to

 $\frac{70}{100} + \frac{3}{100}$

0.1

Rewrite the expression using fractions with

You can identify decimals on a number line

What is $\frac{88}{100}$ as a decimal? ______.

w many tenths does the decimal have?

Find this number of tenths on the number line

Change the fraction ⁸⁸/₁₀₀ to a decimal and locate it or

0.3 0.2

0.4

rite 0.73 as a fr

reasoning of others, Model with mathematics.

Reason abstractly and quantitatively.

Mathematical Practice

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Independent Practice Answer Rationales

- 1 The decimal shown is 0.97, read as "ninety-seven hundredths." It is therefore represented as a fraction with a denominator of hundredths, $\frac{97}{100}$; choice B is correct. Choice A is incorrect because it uses the wrong denominator. Choice C is incorrect; it shows a unit fraction with the value of the numerator used incorrectly as the denominator. Choice D is incorrect because it uses 97 for the denominator instead of the numerator.
- 2 The grid shows 100 squares of which 13 are shaded. Therefore it shows the fraction $\frac{13}{100}$. To convert this fraction to a decimal, use the denominator as a guide to the number of places; a denominator of 100 means a decimal to the hundredths place. The decimal is 0.13.
- 3 A fraction with a denominator of 100 is equivalent to a decimal with a place value of hundredths, and a fraction with a denominator of 10 is equivalent to a decimal with a place value of tenths. This means that Engin is correct in writing $\frac{5}{100}$ as 0.05, which has a 5 in the hundredths place. Fatima mistakenly wrote the 5 in the tenths place, 0.5, which is equal to $\frac{5}{10}$, not $\frac{5}{100}$.

Extension Activity

Prepare a set of 24 cards; on 12 cards, write a decimal in tenths or hundredths. On the other 12 cards, write the corresponding fractions. Mix the cards and give them to a student to lay out one at a time and match. Alternately, give each set to one of a pair of students and have them take turns laying down a card and matching it.

- **4** To determine if the numbers are equivalent, convert the decimal in each set to a fraction and compare the numbers. Choice A is incorrect; 2.0 is equivalent to the fraction $\frac{2}{10}$, but not the fraction $\frac{2}{10}$, which is the decimal 0.2. Choice B is incorrect; 0.20 is the fraction $\frac{20}{100}$ and not equivalent to the other two expressions, which both equal the decimal 0.05. Choice C is incorrect; 0.2 is the fraction $\frac{2}{10}$, which is equivalent to $\frac{20}{100}$ but not $\frac{20}{10}$, which is equivalent to $\frac{20}{10}$ but not $\frac{20}{10}$, which is equivalent to $\frac{2}{10}$, which is $\frac{20}{100}$ but not $\frac{20}{10}$, which is equal to 2. Choice D is correct; 0.2 is equal to the fraction $\frac{2}{10}$ and $\frac{2}{10} \times \frac{10}{10} = \frac{20}{100}$.
- **5 PART A** The decimal 0.51 is 51 hundredths. The number lines shows only tenths, so the tick marks must be interpreted as equivalent decimals: 0.5 = 0.50 and 0.6 = 0.60. the decimal 0.51 can then be placed a little after 0.5.

PART B To change 0.51 to a fraction, use the rightmost place value, hundredths, for the denominator and the digits 51 for the numerator: $\frac{51}{100}$.

6 The first expression is true; in the decimal, the 9 occupies the tenths place, so it represents $\frac{9}{10}$. The second expression is false; the 7 in the decimal occupies the hundredths place, so it represents the fraction $\frac{7}{100}$, not $\frac{7}{10}$. The third expression is false; to add the fractions, change $\frac{4}{10}$ to $\frac{40}{100}$ and add 6 + 40 for $\frac{46}{100}$, which is the decimal 0.46, not 0.64. The fourth expression is true because $\frac{1}{10}$ is equivalent to $\frac{10}{100}$, so the addition is $\frac{10}{100} + \frac{29}{100} = \frac{39}{100}$, which is 0.39 in decimal form. The fifth expression is true because $\frac{2}{10}$ is equivalent to $\frac{20}{100}$ and $20 + 30 = \frac{50}{100}$, which is expressed in decimal form as 0.50.

