

SKILL

45**Skills Readiness*****Multiply Decimals*****General Operation Reminders****Multiplying Decimals**

Step 1: Rewrite the problem vertically.
 Step 2: Multiply the numbers just as you would multiply whole numbers.
 Step 3: Count the total number of decimal places in the two factors.
 Step 4: The product must have the same number of decimal places as the total found in Step 3. You may need to add zeros as placeholders.

Multiplying by Powers of 10

Step 1: Count the number of zeros in the power of 10.
 Step 2: Move the decimal point in the other factor to the right the same number of places as the number you counted in Step 1.

Example 1: Multiply 9.27×0.6 .

Total of 3 decimal places \rightarrow

$$\begin{array}{r} 9.27 \\ \times 0.6 \\ \hline 5.562 \end{array}$$

Also needs 3 decimal places

Example 2: Multiply 0.735×100 .

There are two zeros in the power of 10, so move the decimal point in 0.735 two places to the right and drop the zero.

$$0.735 \rightarrow 73.5$$
Practice on Your Own
Multiply.

1. 0.5×0.9

2. 4.2×0.3

3. 1.3×1.3

4. 7.3×0.25

5. 0.4×5.62

6. 2.5×0.065

7. 5.62×10

8. 0.493×100

Check
Multiply.

9. 0.2×0.7

10. 7.9×0.5

11. 2.2×2.2

12. 0.36×6.1

13. 3.5×0.071

14. 96×0.1

15. 4622×100

16. 0.09×10
