

Multiplying decimals by whole numbers

WHAT THIS LESSON TEACHES

When multiplying a decimal by a whole number, ignore the decimal point and multiply as whole numbers, then put the decimal point back counting the places from the original decimal.

→ For 0.6×4 , whole-number core is $6 \times 4 = 24$, then 24 becomes 2.4.

→ For 1.25×3 , whole-number core is $125 \times 3 = 375$, then 375 becomes 3.75.

MODEL THIS ON THE BOARD

WORK OUT 0.6×4

- ① Multiply the whole-number core: $6 \times 4 = 24$.
- ② Count the decimal places in 0.6 (one place).
- ③ Move the point one place left in 24 to get **2.4**.

ANSWER KEY

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Q1: €0.75

Q2: €4.80

Q3: €5.60

Q4: €3.75

Q5: €2.70

Q6: €0.27

a) Always — Any positive decimal times a whole number over 1 grows the amount.

b) Always — We count the places from the original decimal and move the point that many times.

c) Sometimes — It depends if there are trailing zeros after moving the point.

d) Always — We treat the digits as whole numbers first before replacing the point.

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S1: 2975

S2: 2813

S3: 2001

S4: 352.5

S5: 182.7