Algebra • Division Patterns with Decimals

To divide a number by 10, 100, or 1,000, use the number of zeros in the divisor to determine how the position of the decimal point changes in the quotient.

	Number of zeros:	Move decimal point:
147 ÷ 1 = <u>147</u>	0	0 places to the left
147 ÷ 10 = 14.7	1	1 place to the left
$147 \div 100 = \frac{1.47}{100}$	2	2 places to the left
147 ÷ 1,000 = 0.147	3	3 places to the left

To divide a number by a power of 10, you can use the exponent to determine how the position of the decimal point changes in the quotient.

	Exponent	Move decimal point:
$97.2 \div 10^{\circ} = 97.2$	0	0 places to the left
$97.2 \div 10^1 = 9.72$	1	1 place to the left
$97.2 \div 10^2 = 0.972$	2	2 places to the left

Complete the pattern.

1. $358 \div 10^{\circ} =$	2. 102 ÷ 10 ⁰ =	3. 99.5 ÷ 1 =
358 ÷ 10 ¹ =	102 ÷ 10 ¹ =	99.5 ÷ 10 =
358 ÷ 10 ² =	102 ÷ 10 ² =	99.5 ÷ 100 =
358 ÷ 10 ³ =	102 ÷ 10 ³ =	

Extending Division Patterns

Use patterns to find the quotients.

1.	8,500 ÷ 100 =	2. 123,575 ÷ 10 ² =
	8,500 ÷ 1,000 =	123,575 ÷ 10 ³ =
	8,500 ÷ 10,000 =	123,575 ÷ 10 ⁴ =
	8,500 ÷ 100,000 =	123,575 ÷ 10 ⁵ =
	8,500 ÷ 1,000,000 =	123,575 ÷ 10 ⁶ =
3.	5,000 ÷ 2 =	4. 24,000 ÷ 3 =
	5,000 ÷ 20 =	24,000 ÷ 30 =
	5,000 ÷ 200 =	24,000 ÷ 300 =
	5,000 ÷ 2,000 =	24,000 ÷ 3,000 =
	5,000 ÷ 20,000 =	
5.	÷ 4 = 9	6. 800 ÷ 100 =
	÷ 4 = 90	800 ÷ 10 =
	÷ 4 = 900	800 ÷ 1 =
	÷ 4 = 9,000	800 ÷ 0.1 =
	÷ 4 = 90,000	800 ÷ 0.01 =

7. (Write Math >> Explain how you used patterns to complete Exercise 5.

8. Stretch Your Thinking Suppose you continue the pattern in Exercise 4. What will be the next three quotients?

Divide Decimals by Whole Numbers



Divide. Draw a quick picture.

1. 2.7 ÷ 9 =	2. 4.8 ÷ 8 =	3. 2.8 ÷ 7 =
4. 7.25 ÷ 5 =	5. 3.78 ÷ 3 =	6. 8.52 ÷ 4 =

Write Division Equations

In the models below, a large square represents 1, a bar represents 1 tenth, and a small square represents 1 hundredth. All divisors are whole numbers. Write the division equation each model represents.



5. Write Math Explain how you found the division equation the model in Exercise 1 represents.

Estimate Quotients



Use compatible numbers to estimate the quotient.

1. 23.6 ÷ 7		2. 469.4 ÷ 62
÷=		÷=
Estimate the quotient.		
3. 338.7 ÷ 49	4. 75.1 ÷ 9	5. 674.8 ÷ 23
6. 61.9 ÷ 7	7. 96.5 ÷ 19	8. 57.2 ÷ 8

Lesson 5.3 Enrich

Compare Estimated Quotients

Estimate each quotient. Then write < or > in the circle to compare each pair of estimates.



Write Math Write a pair of decimal division expressions, similar to the ones in Exercises 1–10, so that when you estimate and compare the quotients, you get 9 > 3.

Division of Decimals by Whole Numbers

Divide.	19.61 ÷ 37	
Step 1	Estimate the quotient. 2,000 hundredths $\div 40 = 50$ hundredths, or 0.50. So, the quotient will have a zero in the ones place.	0 37)19.61
Step 2	Divide the tenths. Use the estimate. Try 5 in the tenths place. Multiply 5×27 185	0 5 37)19.61 - 18 5
	Multiply. $\underline{-} \times 37 = \underline{-100}$ Subtract. 196 - $\underline{-185} = \underline{-11}$ Check $\underline{-11} < 37$	11
Step 3	Divide the hundredths. Estimate: 120 hundredths \div 40 = 3 hundredths.	0 .53 37)19.61
	Multiply. $3 \times 37 = 111$	- <u>185</u> 1 11
	Subtract. $111 - 111 = 0$	<u>- 1 11</u> 0
	Check < 37	
	Place the decimal point in the quotient.	
So, 19.	$61 \div 37 = 0.53$	

Write the quotient with the decimal point placed correctly.

1. 5.94 ÷ 3 = 198	 2. 48.3 ÷ 23 = 21	
Divide.		

3. 9)61.2	4. 17)83.3	5. 9)7.38
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Unknown Dividends and Quotients

For each problem, find the quotient for the first box. Then use that quotient as the dividend in the second box. Use the quotient for the second box as the dividend in the third box. Write the final quotient in the last box. The first one has been done for you.



Decimal Division





Divide. Use decimal models.

3. 2.7 ÷ 0.3 = _____ **4.** 0.52 ÷ 0.26 = ____ **5.** 0.96 ÷ 0.16 = ____

Decimal Division Matching

Match the division expression in Column A with its quotient in Column B. You may find it helpful to use decimal models.

Column A	Column B
1. 1.4 ÷ 0.2	1
2. 0.78 ÷ 0.13	2
3. 1.5 ÷ 0.5	3
4. 2.4 ÷ 0.6	4
5. 1.48 ÷ 0.74	5
6. 0.64 ÷ 0.08	6
7. 2.7 ÷ 0.3	7
8. 0.75 ÷ 0.15	8
9. 1.2 ÷ 1.2	9

10. Stretch Your Thinking One way to divide decimals is to first change the dividend and the divisor to whole numbers. To do so, multiply both the dividend and the divisor by the multiple of 10 that makes the divisor a whole number. Then divide to find the quotient. Explain how to use this strategy to find the quotient in Exercise 2.

Divide Decimals

You can multiply the dividend and the divisor by the same power of 10 to make the divisor a whole number. As long as you multiply both the dividend and the divisor by the same power of 10, the quotient stays the same.			
Example 1: Divide. $0.84 \div 0.07$ Multiply the dividend, <u>0.84</u> , and the divisor, <u>0.07</u> power of 10 that makes the <u>divisor</u> a whole num	$\begin{array}{c} 0.84 \div 0.07 = ?\\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & \times 100 \\ & & \times 100 \\ & & \\ & $		
Since $84 \div 7 = 12$, you know that $0.84 \div 0.07 = 12$.			
Example 2: Divide. $4.42 \div 3.4$ Multiply both the dividend and the divisor by 10 to make the divisor a whole number.	$3.4\overline{)4.42} \longrightarrow \begin{array}{c} \text{Multiply 3.4} \\ \text{and } 4.42 \\ \text{both by 10} \end{array} \longrightarrow 34\overline{)44.2}$		
Divide as you would whole numbers. Place the decimal point in the quotient, above the decimal point in the dividend. So, $4.42 \div 3.4 = 1.3$.	$ \begin{array}{r} 1.3 \\ 34)\overline{44.2} \\ -34 \\ 102 \\ -102 \\ 0 \end{array} $		

Copy and complete the pattern.

1. 54 ÷ 6 =	2. 184 ÷ 23 =	3. 138 ÷ 2 =
5.4 ÷ = 9	18.4 ÷ = 8	13.8 ÷ = 69
÷ 0.06 = 9	÷ 0.23 = 8	÷ 0.02 = 69
Divide		
Divide.		
4. 1.4)9.8	5. 0.3)0.6	6. 3.64 ÷ 1.3

Equal or Not Equal?

Write <, >, or = in the circle to make each statement true.



11. Write Math Explain how you decided which symbol to write in Exercise 10.

12. Stretch Your Thinking Without dividing, tell whether the quotient of $4.45 \div 1.5$ is *greater than, less than,* or *equal to* 3.

Write Zeros in the Dividend



Write the quotient with the decimal point placed correctly.

$3 \div 04 = 75$	2 $252 \div 8 = 315$	3 60 \div 25 = 24	4 828 \div 072 = 115
1.5 - 0.4 - 75	\mathbf{Z}_{1} 20.2 \pm 0 $-$ 310	3. 00 ÷ 20 – 24	4. $0.20 \pm 0.72 = 113$

Divide.

5. 6) 43.5 **6.** 1.4) 7.7 **7.** 30) 72 **8.** 0.18) 0.63

Which Is the Better Buy?

Divide to find the cost of one unit of each item. Round your answers to the nearest cent. Then determine which item is the better buy.

1. a 6.5-ounce can of tuna for \$1.39 or a 3-ounce can of tuna for \$0.65

The 6.5-ounce can of tuna costs _____ per ounce.

The 3-ounce can of tuna costs _____ per ounce.

The ______-ounce can of tuna is the better buy.

2. a 2.5-pound bag of sugar for \$1.69 or a 4-pound bag of sugar for \$2.49

The 2.5-pound of sugar costs _____ per pound.

The 4-pound bag of sugar costs _____ per pound.

The ______-pound bag of sugar is the better buy.

3. a 7.2-ounce box of macaroni for \$0.67 or a 13-ounce box of macaroni for \$1.28

The 7.2-ounce box of macaroni costs _____ per ounce.

The 13-ounce box of macaroni costs _____ per ounce.

The _____-ounce box of macaroni is the better buy.

4. an 11.5-ounce box of crackers for \$2.25 or a 16-ounce box of crackers for \$2.99

The 11.5-ounce box of crackers costs _____ per ounce.

The 16-ounce box of crackers costs _____ per ounce.

The ______ounce box of crackers is the better buy.

Problem Solving • Decimal Operations

Rebecca spent \$32.55 for a photo album and three identical candles. The photo album cost \$17.50 and the sales tax was \$1.55. How much did each candle cost?



Use a flowchart to help you solve the problem.

- Maria spent \$28.69 on one pair of jeans and two T-shirts. The jeans cost \$16.49. Each T-shirt cost the same amount. The sales tax was \$1.62. How much did each T-shirt cost?
- 2. At the skating rink, Sean and Patrick spent \$17.45 on admission and snacks. They used one coupon for \$2 off the admission. The snacks cost \$5.95. What is the regular admission cost for one?

Money Flow

Solve each problem. Make a flowchart and work backward to help.

- 1. Madison and Jim paid \$21.08 for one large pizza, 2 salads with the same price, and 2 drinks with the same price. The pizza cost \$11.70, which was 3 times as much as the cost of one salad. They also used a coupon for \$2 off their purchase. What was the cost of one drink?
- 2. Carla bought a digital camera that cost \$91.98. She also bought 2 identical memory cards and a camera case. The camera cost 6 times as much as the case. She paid \$127.35, including sales tax of \$6.06. What was the cost of each memory card?
- Lia, Phil, and Cam collect a total of \$200.30 for a holiday fundraiser. Phil collects \$12.80 more than Lia. Cam collects 3 times as much as Lia. How much does each person collect?
- 4. While on vacation, Craig bought a pair of sunglasses for \$15.98, a hat for \$7.99, 5 postcards, and a beach towel. The beach towel cost \$0.50 more than half the price of the sunglasses. Craig gave the cashier \$40 and got \$3.59 in change. Each postcard cost the same. How much did each postcard cost?
- **5. Stretch Your Thinking** Draw a flowchart for a money problem similar to the ones in Exercises 1–4. Then write a word problem that can be solved by using your flowchart and working backward.