

Rational Number: A rational number is any number that can be written in the form $\frac{a}{b}$, where $b \neq 0$.

Rational Numbers

- Whole Numbers (1)
- Zero (0)
- Whole Negative Numbers (-3)
- Fractions
- Proper ($\frac{2}{3}$)
- Improper ($\frac{16}{3}$)
- Mixed ($5\frac{1}{3}$)
- Decimals (0.6)
- Percentages (37.3%)
- Ratios (2:3)

Fractions, Decimals and Percentages

IMPROPER → MIXED

$$-\frac{16}{3} = 5\frac{1}{3}$$

PERCENTAGE → DECIMAL

$$12.5\% = 0.125$$

DECIMAL → FRACTION

$$0.12 = \frac{12}{100} = \frac{3}{25}$$

PERCENTAGE → FRACTION

$$12\% = \frac{12}{100} = \frac{3}{25}$$

RECURRING DECIMAL → FRACTION

$$0.2\overline{53}$$

Let x be $0.2\overline{53}$

$$x = 0.2\overline{53}$$

$$10x = 2.\overline{53} \text{ - Cannot remove ending from } x.$$

$$100x = 25.\overline{35} \text{ - Still can't as the recurring is not the same.}$$

$$1000x = 253.\overline{53} \text{ - Same ending as } 10x, \text{ so take away.}$$

$$1000x - 10x = 253.\overline{53} - 2.\overline{53}$$

$$990x = 251$$

$$x = \frac{251}{990}$$

Percentages

INCREASING

Increase \$26 by 8%

$$100\% + 8\% = 108\%$$

$$= 26 \times 108\%$$

$$= 26 \times \frac{108}{100}$$

$$= \frac{2808}{100}$$

$$= \$28.08$$

DECREASING

Decrease 26kg by 8%

$$100\% - 8\% = 92\%$$

$$= 26 \times 92\%$$

$$= 26 \times \frac{92}{100}$$

$$= \frac{2392}{100}$$

$$= 23.92 \text{ kg}$$

Approximation: Decimals

ROUNDING USING DECIMAL PLACES

Round 53.4358745 to 4 dp.

53.4358|745 – Round up.

53.4359 (to 4 dp.)

ROUNDING USING SIGNIFICANT FIGURES – WHOLE NUMBERS

Round 3187586 to 3 sig. fig.

318|7586 – Round up

3190000 (to 3 sig. fig.)

ROUNDING USING SIGNIFICANT FIGURES – DECIMALS

Round 5.34567234 to 5 sig. fig.

5.3456|7234 – Round up

5.3457 (to 5 sig. fig.)

ZEROS IN POSITIVE NUMBERS

3450000000 has 3 sig. fig.

ZEROS IN NEGATIVE NUMBERS

0.2000352 has 7 sig. fig., but

0.0000352 has 3 sig. fig.

Approximation: Scientific Notation

POSITIVE NUMBERS

Move the decimal place until it is on the right of the last number you meet. Count how many digits you moved when moving the decimal place.

$$6000000000000 = 6 \times 10^{12}$$

$$7450000000000 = 7.45 \times 10^{12}$$

NEGATIVE NUMBERS

Move the decimal place until it is on the right of the first number you meet. Count how many digits you moved when moving the decimal place.

$$0.000003 = 3 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$0.0000000234735 = 2.34735 \times 10^{-8}$$