

Decimals Lesson 4

Adding & Subtracting Decimals

Line Up the Decimal Point

Always line up the decimal points when adding or subtracting.

Fill in zeros if needed to keep digits aligned.

Example:

$$\begin{array}{r} 3.50 \\ + 1.75 \\ \hline 5.25 \end{array}$$

Add Decimals – Real-World Example

You buy a snack for \$2.35 and a drink for \$1.40.
What's the total?

$$\begin{array}{r} \$2.35 \\ + \$1.40 \\ \hline \$3.75 \end{array}$$

Subtract Decimals – Real-World Example

You have \$5.00. You spend \$3.20.

How much is left?

$$\begin{array}{r} \$5.00 \\ - \$3.20 \\ \hline \\ \$1.80 \end{array}$$