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| ***Adding & Subtracting Decimals***  **Handout** | **Name: Date:** |

**Objective: Learn place value and how to round, add and subtract Decimals**

**PART A (segment 1&2)**

**Segment 1**: **Knowing Place Value**

It is important to know the place values for decimal numbers. Let’s look at the example 72.6843195 and see if we can name the place value for each digit.

**7 2 . 6 8 4 3 1 9 5**

Tens Tenths Thousandths Hundred-Thousandths Ten-Millionths

Ones Hundredths Ten-Thousandths Millionths

It is vital to memorize the place values and their meaning. For example, a 6 in the tenth’s place means 6 out of 10 or  . An 8 in the hundredth’s place means 8 out of 100 or  . Etc.

**Example 1 Which digit is the hundredths place in the Decimal 57.3897421?**

**Example 2 Which digit is the ten-thousandths place in the Decimal 0.09763841?**

**Example 3 What is the place value for the “3” in the decimal 7.6435219 and what does the   
 “3” represent?**

**Example 4 What is the place value for the “9” in the decimal 32.498713 and what does the   
 “9” represent?**

**Segment 2: Rounding Decimals**

To round a decimal, first identify the place value you wish to round to. Now look at the number to the right of the place value. If the number is 0,1,2,3 or 4 then leave the place value alone. This is called rounding down. If the number to the right is 5,6,7,8 or 9 then add one to the place value. This is called rounding up. The secret of rounding is to make the decimal a simpler number. If rounding to a place value to the right of the decimal (or to the ones place), cut off all digits after the rounded place value. Note: You will not need zero’s as place holders like we do with whole numbers.

Rounding decimals are used all the time with Money. When we round money to the “nearest cent” we are rounding to the hundredths place. This is very common in business applications.

**Example 5 Round the Decimal 8.51276 to the Tenths place.**

**Example 6 Round the Decimal 8.51276 to the Thousandths place.**

**Example 7 Round the Decimal 32.599876 to the Ones place.**

**Example 8 Round $32.599876 to the nearest cent.**

***Now it is time for you to practice. Work on the following problems using the rules discussed above. The instructor will post the answers on the board for you to check. Break up into pairs and discuss wrong answers with your partner.***

**Practice 1** **Which digit is the ones place in the Decimal 8.49271?**

**Practice 2** **Which digit is the ten-thousandths place in the Decimal 8.49271?**

**Practice 3** **Which digit is the tenths place in the Decimal 8.49271?**

**Practice 4 What is the place value for the “3” in the decimal 26.83714 and what does the   
 “3” represent?**

**Practice 5 What is the place value for the “7” in the decimal 26.83714 and what does the   
 “7” represent?**

**Practice 6 What is the place value for the “1” in the decimal 26.83714 and what does the   
 “1” represent?**

**Practice 7 Round the Decimal 41.586317 to the Hundredths place.**

**Practice 8 Round the Decimal 41.586317 to the Thousandths place.**

**Practice 9 Round the Decimal 41.586317 to the Tens place.**

**Practice 10 Round the amount of money $274.583192 to the nearest cent.**

**Practice 11 Round the amount of money $79.99648 to the nearest cent.**

**PART B (segment 3&4)**

**Segment 3: Adding Decimals**

Adding Zeros to the end of a decimal does not change the value of the decimal. For example   To add Decimals it is vital that we add each place value to the same corresponding place value in the second number. We must line up the decimal points and all of the place values. If one number has more digits than another, we simply add zeros to the place values until both numbers have the same number of digits and the same place values.

For Example, to add 7.3 to 5.192 we would first write the 7.3 as 7.300 so that both numbers now end in the thousandths place. Now we can line up the decimal points and place values and add like whole numbers. (Don’t forget to carry.)

**Example 9 **

**Example 10 **

**Example 11** 

**Example 12** 

**Segment 4: Subtracting Decimals**

Subtracting Decimals is very similar to adding. First rewrite the decimals by adding zeros so that both numbers end in the same place value. Now line up the decimal point and all the place values and subtract as if they are whole numbers. (Don’t forget to borrow correctly!)

**Example 13 **

**Example 14** 

**Example 15** 

***Now it is time for you to practice again. Work on the following problems using the rules discussed above. The instructor will post the answers on the board for you to check. Break up into pairs and discuss wrong answers with your partner.***

**Practice 12 Add the following: $32.89 + $45.67 + $71.35**

**Practice 13 Add the following: 2.8 + 0.31974 + 26**

**Practice 14 Subtract the following: $90.23 - $34.87**

**Practice 15 Subtract the following: 8.4 – 0.03798**

**Quiz:** Let’s check to see how much you have learned. Take the quiz. Then check your answers.

When you are done, answer the following self-reflection questions.

**SELF-REFLECTION**

-If you were going to make a mistake on a decimal problem, what type of problem would it be? Why?

-What steps are you going to take so that you make fewer mistakes when you work with decimals?