

# SCIENTIFIC NOTATION

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Change whole numbers to scientific notation

- (1) Place the decimal after the first number.
- (2) Multiply.
- (3) The second number or base is always 10.
- (4) Count the places from the decimal to the end of the number.  
The exponent is the number of places from the decimal.

whole number    to    scientific notation

**EXAMPLE:**                      2567    =    2.567 x 10<sup>3</sup>

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1. Which of the following expresses 374,274 in scientific notation?

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- (1) 3.74274 x 10<sup>5</sup>
- (2) 3.74274 x 10<sup>6</sup>
- (3) 37.4274 x 10<sup>6</sup>
- (4) 374.274 x 10<sup>5</sup>
- (5) 3742.74 x 10<sup>3</sup>

2. Which of the following expresses 67,500,000 in scientific notation?

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- (1) 6.75 x 10<sup>-7</sup>
- (2) 6.75 x 10<sup>6</sup>
- (3) 6.75 x 10<sup>7</sup>
- (4) 6.00 x 10<sup>-6</sup>
- (5) 6.57 x 10<sup>-7</sup>

3. Some scientists predict that the population of the world in the year 2014 will be 7,240,000,000.

Which of the following represents this number in scientific notation?

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- (1) 7.24 x 10<sup>6</sup>
- (2) 7.24 x 10<sup>9</sup>
- (3) 7.24 x 10<sup>10</sup>
- (4) 724 x 10
- (5) 724 x 10<sup>3</sup>

4. Which of the following expresses 25,689 in scientific notation?

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- (1) 25.689 x 10<sup>5</sup>
- (2) 2.5689 x 10<sup>4</sup>
- (3) 2.5689 x 10<sup>5</sup>
- (4) 2.5689 x 10<sup>6</sup>
- (5) 25689 x 10<sup>5</sup>

5. Which of the following expresses 48,300,000 in scientific notation?

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- (1) 483 x 10<sup>-7</sup>
- (2) 4.83 x 10<sup>6</sup>
- (3) 4.83 x 10<sup>7</sup>
- (4) 4.83 x 10<sup>-6</sup>
- (5) 4.83 x 10<sup>-7</sup>

6. Some scientists predict that the population of the world in the year 2020 will be 12,356,000,000.

Which of the following represents this number in scientific notation?

① ② ③ ④ ⑤

- (1) 12.356 x 10<sup>6</sup>
- (2) 1.2356 x 10<sup>9</sup>
- (3) 1.2356 x 10<sup>10</sup>
- (4) 12356 x 10<sup>10</sup>
- (5) 12.356 x 10<sup>10</sup>

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Change numbers in scientific notation to whole numbers.

- (1) Move the decimal to the right the number of places indicated in the exponent.  
The exponent is positive, so move the decimal to the right.

scientific notation to whole number

**EXAMPLE:**  $9.864 \times 10^6 = 9,864,000$

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7.  $3.74274 \times 10^5$  is written in scientific notation.  
Express it as a normal number.

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- (1) 3,742  
(2) 37,427  
(3) 374,274  
(4) 3,742,740  
(5) 37,427,400

8.  $6.75 \times 10^6$  is written in scientific notation.  
Express it as a normal number.

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- (1) 675  
(2) 6,750  
(3) 67,500  
(4) 675,000  
(5) 6,750,000

9.  $7.24 \times 10^9$  is written in scientific notation.  
Express it as a normal number.

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- (1) 7, 240  
(2) 72,400,000  
(3) 724,000,000  
(4) 7,240,000,000  
(5) 72,400,000,000

10.  $2.5689 \times 10^5$  is written in scientific notation.  
Express it as a normal number.

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- (1) 25,689  
(2) 256,890  
(3) 2,568,900  
(4) 256,890,000  
(5) 2,568,900,000

11.  $4.83 \times 10^3$  is written in scientific notation.  
Express it as a normal number.

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- (1) 483  
(2) 4,830  
(3) 48,300  
(4) 480,000  
(5) 4,800,000

12. Scientists predict that in the year 2020, the population of the world will be  $1.2356 \times 10^{10}$ . This is expressed in scientific notation.  
Express it as a normal number.

① ② ③ ④ ⑤

- (1) 12,356  
(2) 123,560  
(3) 1,235,600  
(4) 12,356,000  
(5) 12,356,000,000

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### Change decimals to scientific notation.

- (1) Move the decimal before the last number.
- (2) Multiply.
- (3) The second number or base is always 10.
- (4) Because the number is a decimal, the exponent will be a negative number.
- (5) Give the exponent the number of places from the decimal.

#### EXAMPLE

decimal to scientific notation  
 $.8365 = 836.5 \times 10^{-3}$

13. Express .785 in scientific notation.

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- (1)  $785 \times 10^{-2}$
- (2)  $7.85 \times 10^{-2}$
- (3)  $78.5 \times 10^{-2}$
- (4)  $785 \times 10^2$
- (5)  $.785 \times 10^{-2}$

14. Express .00987 in scientific notation.

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- (1)  $9.87 \times 10^{-4}$
- (2)  $98.7 \times 10^{-4}$
- (3)  $987 \times 10^{-4}$
- (4)  $987 \times 10^4$
- (5)  $.987 \times 10^{-4}$

### Change scientific notations with decimals to regular decimal numbers.

- (1) Move the decimal point to the left the number of places indicated in the negative exponent. The exponent is negative, so move the decimal to the left.

#### EXAMPLE

scientific notation to decimal  
 $4.67 \times 10^{-2} = .0467$

15.  $7.25 \times 10^{-3}$  is written in scientific notation.  
Express it as a decimal.

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- (1) .00000725
- (2) .0000725
- (3) .000725
- (4) .00725
- (5) .0725

16.  $9.985 \times 10^{-2}$  is written in scientific notation.  
Express it as a decimal.

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- (1) .0009985
- (2) .009985
- (3) .09985
- (4) .9985
- (5) 9.985