

# Lesson 1.4 Scientific Notation

**Scientific notation** is most often used as a concise way of writing very large and very small numbers. It is written as a number between 1 and 10 multiplied by a power of 10. Any number can be expressed in scientific notation.

$$\underset{+3}{\underbrace{1,503}} = 1.503 \times 10^3$$

$$\underset{-2}{\underbrace{0.0376}} = 3.76 \times 10^{-2}$$

$$\underset{+1}{\underbrace{85}} = 8.5 \times 10$$

Translate numbers written in scientific notation into standard form by reading the exponent.

$$7.03 \times 10^5 = \underbrace{703000}_{\text{Move the decimal right 5 places.}}$$

$$5.4 \times 10^{-4} = \underbrace{0.00054}_{\text{Move the decimal left 4 places.}}$$

Write each number in scientific notation.

a	b	c
1. $0.013 =$ _____	$4105 =$ _____	$27.3 =$ _____
2. $810.4 =$ _____	$0.684 =$ _____	$0.017 =$ _____
3. $0.0006 =$ _____	$427.5 =$ _____	$36,054 =$ _____
4. $50,210 =$ _____	$0.0005 =$ _____	$256.21 =$ _____
5. $36.25 =$ _____	$0.892 =$ _____	$0.00065 =$ _____
6. $0.027 =$ _____	$1,416.3 =$ _____	$0.0049 =$ _____

Write each number in standard form.

7. $2.6 \times 10^{-3} =$ _____	$8.46 \times 10^5 =$ _____	$4.65 \times 10^{-1} =$ _____
8. $9.02 \times 10^4 =$ _____	$5.15 \times 10^{-2} =$ _____	$8.45 \times 10^3 =$ _____
9. $7.25 \times 10^{-4} =$ _____	$1.06 \times 10^3 =$ _____	$9.06 \times 10^{-5} =$ _____
10. $9.7 \times 10^{-3} =$ _____	$3.02 \times 10^4 =$ _____	$1.56 \times 10^4 =$ _____