

# Fractions To Decimals

Using Equivalent Fractions and Division

Fractions that have a denominator as a decimal place value such as 10, 100, 1000 and so on are easy to write as a decimal.

Example:  $\frac{7}{10} = 0.7$  The seven is simply put in the tenths place.

Other fractions that do not have a power of ten as a denominator can not be simply written as the first example.

Example:  $\frac{7}{20} \neq 0.7$  Seven over twenty is not equal to 7 tenths or 0.7.

Change the denominator into a power of ten such as a 10, 100, 1000 and so on. Choose a denominator that is easy to work with your existing denominator.

## Equivalent Fraction Method

Example:  $\frac{7}{20} = \frac{\quad}{100}$

$$\frac{7 \times 5}{20 \times 5} = \frac{35}{100} = 0.35$$

**100 is a decimal place value, that is why 20 was changed into 100!**

## Division Method

Another way to change a fraction that does not have a power of ten as a denominator is to turn the given fraction into a division problem. Remember, the numerator always goes "under the hat".

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	A	B	C	D	E
Example:	$\frac{7}{20} = 20 \overline{) 7}$	$20 \overline{) 7.0}$	$20 \overline{) 7.0}$ $\underline{-60}$ $10$	$20 \overline{) 7.00}$ $\underline{-60}$ $100$	$20 \overline{) 7.00}$ $\underline{-60}$ $100$ $\underline{-100}$ $0$

$\frac{7}{20} = \textcircled{.35}$



Directions: Use your knowledge of equivalent fractions to change the following fractions into their decimal equivalents.

Example:  $\frac{1}{5} =$

$\frac{1}{5} = \frac{\quad}{10}$        $\frac{1 \times 2}{5 \times 2} = \frac{2}{10} = 0.2$

Tenths is a decimal place value, that is why 10 is used.

1)  $\frac{5}{50} = \underline{\quad}$

2)  $\frac{8}{20} = \underline{\quad}$

3)  $\frac{12}{60} = \underline{\quad}$

4)  $\frac{3}{25} = \underline{\quad}$

5)  $\frac{123}{250} = \underline{\quad}$

6)  $\frac{60}{500} = \underline{\quad}$

7)  $\frac{40}{200} = \underline{\quad}$

8)  $\frac{22}{25} = \underline{\quad}$

9)  $\frac{4}{5} = \underline{\quad}$

10)  $\frac{6}{60} = \underline{\quad}$

11)  $\frac{24}{80} = \underline{\quad}$

12)  $\frac{28}{50} = \underline{\quad}$

Directions: Turn the following fractions into their decimal equivalents using division to solve.

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15)  $\frac{12}{60}$

16)  $\frac{3}{25}$

17)  $\frac{123}{250}$

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19)  $\frac{40}{200}$

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22)  $\frac{6}{60}$

23)  $\frac{24}{80}$

24)  $\frac{28}{50}$