

3-1 Study Guide and Intervention**Fractions and Decimals**

Write Fractions as Decimals Some fractions, such as $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{5}$, can easily be written as decimals by making equivalent fractions with denominators of 10, 100, or 1,000.

All fractions can be written as decimals by dividing the numerator by the denominator. If the division ends or terminates with a remainder of 0, it is a **terminating decimal**. If the decimal number repeats without end it is a **repeating decimal**.

Example 1 Write $\frac{7}{8}$ as a decimal.

$$\begin{array}{r} \frac{7}{8} \qquad 0.875 \\ 8 \overline{)7.000} \\ \underline{64} \\ 60 \\ \underline{56} \\ 40 \\ \underline{40} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

0.875 is a terminating decimal.

Example 2 Write $\frac{4}{9}$ as a decimal.

$$\begin{array}{r} \frac{4}{9} \qquad 0.444 \\ 9 \overline{)4.000} \\ \underline{36} \\ 40 \\ \underline{36} \\ 40 \\ \underline{36} \\ 4 \end{array}$$

0.444... is a repeating decimal. You can indicate that a decimal repeats by writing a bar or line over the repeating digit(s): $\frac{4}{9} = 0.\overline{4}$.

Exercises

Write each fraction as a decimal. Use a bar to show a repeating decimal.

1. $\frac{7}{20}$

2. $\frac{2}{11}$

3. $\frac{5}{9}$

4. $\frac{5}{6}$

5. $\frac{6}{25}$

6. $\frac{5}{20}$

7. $\frac{3}{5}$

8. $\frac{7}{25}$

9. $\frac{4}{15}$

10. $\frac{12}{32}$

11. $\frac{9}{10}$

12. $\frac{5}{11}$

13. $-\frac{7}{9}$

14. $\frac{27}{40}$

15. $-\frac{2}{3}$

3-1 Study Guide and Intervention (continued)

Fractions and Decimals

Compare Fractions and Decimals It may be easier to compare numbers when they are written as decimals.

Example 1 Replace \bullet with $<$, $>$, or $=$ to make $0.28 \bullet \frac{3}{8}$ a true sentence.

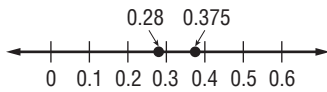
$$0.28 \bullet \frac{3}{8}$$

$$0.28 \bullet 0.375$$

Write $\frac{3}{8}$ as a decimal.

$$0.28 < 0.375$$

Compare the tenths place: $2 < 3$.



Example 2 Replace \bullet with $<$, $>$, or $=$ to make $-0.37 \bullet -\frac{4}{11}$ a true sentence.

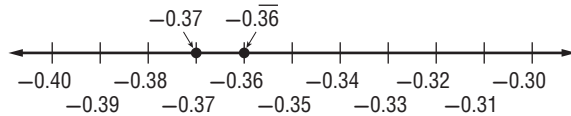
$$-0.37 \bullet -\frac{4}{11}$$

$$-0.37 \bullet -0.\overline{36}$$

Write $\frac{4}{11}$ as a decimal.

$$-0.37 < -0.\overline{36}$$

-0.37 is to the left of $-0.\overline{36}$ on the number line, so $-0.37 < -0.\overline{36}$.



Exercises

Replace each \bullet with $<$, $>$, or $=$ to make a true sentence.

1. $\frac{5}{8} \bullet \frac{6}{9}$

2. $\frac{4}{5} \bullet 0.8$

3. $\frac{7}{8} \bullet \frac{4}{5}$

4. $0.09 \bullet \frac{1}{2}$

5. $0.3 \bullet \frac{1}{3}$

6. $\frac{5}{12} \bullet \frac{16}{40}$

7. $\frac{14}{27} \bullet 0.6$

8. $-\frac{3}{10} \bullet -\frac{2}{5}$

9. $\frac{3}{4} \bullet 0.75$

10. $0.03 \bullet \frac{4}{15}$

11. $\frac{13}{30} \bullet \frac{5}{9}$

12. $-0.55 \bullet -\frac{7}{12}$

13. $0.16 \bullet \frac{4}{25}$

14. $-\frac{11}{40} \bullet -0.02$

15. $\frac{7}{8} \bullet 0.88$