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4.4 Dividing decimals — worked answers

Divide decimals by whole numbers, rounding the answer to a given degree of accuracy where necessary. · 56 questions

A · Fluency — Divide decimals by whole numbers.

- 1 Work out $8.4 \div 4$

Answer: 2.1

Divide as usual, keeping the decimal point in the answer directly above the one in the question: $8.4 \div 4 = 2.1$.

- 2 Work out $9.6 \div 3$

Answer: 3.2

Divide as usual, keeping the decimal point in the answer directly above the one in the question: $9.6 \div 3 = 3.2$.

- 3 Work out $7.5 \div 5$

Answer: 1.5

Divide as usual, keeping the decimal point in the answer directly above the one in the question: $7.5 \div 5 = 1.5$.

- 4 Work out $12.6 \div 6$

Answer: 2.1

Divide as usual, keeping the decimal point in the answer directly above the one in the question: $12.6 \div 6 = 2.1$.

- 5 Work out $0.84 \div 4$

Answer: 0.21

Divide as usual, keeping the decimal point in the answer directly above the one in the question: $0.84 \div 4 = 0.21$.

- 6 Work out $5.55 \div 5$

Answer: 1.11

Divide as usual, keeping the decimal point in the answer directly above the one in the question: $5.55 \div 5 = 1.11$.

- 7 Work out $16.8 \div 8$

Answer: 2.1

Divide as usual, keeping the decimal point in the answer directly above the one in the question: $16.8 \div 8 = 2.1$.

- 8 Work out $2.46 \div 2$

Answer: 1.23

Divide as usual, keeping the decimal point in the answer directly above the one in the question: $2.46 \div 2 = 1.23$.

- 9 Work out $0.96 \div 3$

Answer: 0.32

Divide as usual, keeping the decimal point in the answer directly above the one in the question: $0.96 \div 3 = 0.32$.

- 10 Work out $23.4 \div 9$

Answer: 2.6

Divide as usual, keeping the decimal point in the answer directly above the one in the question: $23.4 \div 9 = 2.6$.

- 11 Work out $1.44 \div 4$

Answer: 0.36

Divide as usual, keeping the decimal point in the answer directly above the one in the question: $1.44 \div 4 = 0.36$.

- 12 Work out $6.35 \div 5$

Answer: 1.27

Divide as usual, keeping the decimal point in the answer directly above the one in the question: $6.35 \div 5 = 1.27$.

- 13 Work out $3.6 \div 8$

Answer: 0.45

Add zeros after the decimal point and keep dividing until it stops: $3.6 \div 8 = 0.45$.

- 14 Work out $7 \div 4$

Answer: 1.75

Add zeros after the decimal point and keep dividing until it stops: $7 \div 4 = 1.75$.

- 15 Work out $9 \div 8$

Answer: 1.125

Add zeros after the decimal point and keep dividing until it stops: $9 \div 8 = 1.125$.

- 16 Work out $1.2 \div 5$

Answer: 0.24

Add zeros after the decimal point and keep dividing until it stops: $1.2 \div 5 = 0.24$.

- 17 Work out $4.5 \div 8$

Answer: 0.5625

Add zeros after the decimal point and keep dividing until it stops: $4.5 \div 8 = 0.5625$.

- 18 Work out $13 \div 4$

Answer: 3.25

Add zeros after the decimal point and keep dividing until it stops: $13 \div 4 = 3.25$.

- 19 Work out $0.7 \div 4$

Answer: 0.175

Add zeros after the decimal point and keep dividing until it stops: $0.7 \div 4 = 0.175$.

- 20 Work out $2.7 \div 6$

Answer: 0.45

Add zeros after the decimal point and keep dividing until it stops: $2.7 \div 6 = 0.45$.

- 21 Work out $15 \div 8$

Answer: 1.875

Add zeros after the decimal point and keep dividing until it stops: $15 \div 8 = 1.875$.

- 22 Work out $3.5 \div 4$

Answer: 0.875

Add zeros after the decimal point and keep dividing until it stops: $3.5 \div 4 = 0.875$.

- 23 Work out $0.9 \div 8$

Answer: 0.1125

Add zeros after the decimal point and keep dividing until it stops: $0.9 \div 8 = 0.1125$.

- 24 Work out $11 \div 5$

Answer: 2.2

Add zeros after the decimal point and keep dividing until it stops: $11 \div 5 = 2.2$.

B · Reasoning — Adding zeros, and rounding a division.

- 25 When you divide a decimal by a whole number, where does the decimal point go in the answer?

- ☐ At the end
- ☐ Directly above the point in the question
- ☐ One place further right
- ☐ You decide at the end

Answer: Directly above the point in the question

Set the division out so the points line up vertically.

- 26 Why can you write 7 as 7.000 when dividing by 4?

- ☐ To make it bigger
- ☐ Because adding zeros after the point does not change it
- ☐ Because 4 has one digit
- ☐ You cannot

Answer: Because adding zeros after the point does not change it

$7 = 7.000$, so you can keep dividing until the remainder is zero: $7 \div 4 = 1.75$.

- 27 Work out $7 \div 4$.

Answer: 1.75

$7.00 \div 4 = 1.75$.

- 28 Work out $9 \div 8$.

Answer: 1.125

$9.000 \div 8 = 1.125$.

- 29 Work out $8.46 \div 7$, giving your answer to 2 decimal places.

Answer: 1.21

Work to 3 decimal places first: $1.208...$, then round to 1.21.

- 30 Work out $7.62 \div 5$, giving your answer to 1 decimal place.

Answer: 1.5

$7.62 \div 5 = 1.524$, which rounds to 1.5.

- 31 Work out $9.428 \div 7$, giving your answer to 2 decimal places.

Answer: 1.35

$9.428 \div 7 = 1.3468\dots$, which rounds to 1.35.

- 32 Work out $8.6 \div 13$, giving your answer to 3 decimal places.

Answer: 0.662

$8.6 \div 13 = 0.66153\dots$, which rounds to 0.662.

- 33 Zara works a division out to 3 decimal places when she only needs 2. Why?

- ☐ To show off
- ☐ She needs the extra digit to decide how to round
- ☐ Because the answer has 3 places
- ☐ It is a rule for all divisions

Answer: She needs the extra digit to decide how to round

Always work to **one more** decimal place than the accuracy you need.

- 34 Find the missing number: $? \div 6 = 2.5$

Answer: 15

Multiply to undo the division: $2.5 \times 6 = 15$.

- 35 Find the missing number: $8.4 \div ? = 2.1$

Answer: 4

$8.4 \div 2.1 = 4$.

- 36 Does dividing by a whole number bigger than 1 always make the answer smaller?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Answer: Yes

Sharing between more than one part always gives less each: $8.4 \div 4 = 2.1$.

C · Challenge — Several steps and non-terminating answers.

- 37 Work out $12.6 \div 6 \div 7$.

Answer: 0.3

$12.6 \div 6 = 2.1$, then $2.1 \div 7 = 0.3$.

- 38 Work out $(8.4 + 3.6) \div 8$.

Answer: 1.5

Brackets first: 12, then $12 \div 8 = 1.5$.

- 39 Work out $100 \div 7$, giving your answer to 2 decimal places.

Answer: 14.29

$100 \div 7 = 14.2857\dots$, which rounds to 14.29.

- 40 Work out $2 \div 3$, giving your answer to 3 decimal places.

Answer: 0.667

$2 \div 3 = 0.6666\dots$, which rounds to 0.667.

- 41 A number divided by 8 gives 1.125. What is the number?

Answer: 9

$1.125 \times 8 = 9$.

- 42 Work out $0.84 \div 4 \times 100$.

Answer: 21

$0.84 \div 4 = 0.21$, and $\times 100 = 21$.

- 43 \$50 is shared equally between 3 people. How much each, to the nearest cent? Give the number of dollars.

Answer: 16.67

$50 \div 3 = 16.666\dots$, so \$16.67.

- 44 A 12 m rope is cut into 7 equal pieces. How long is each, to 2 decimal places, in metres?

Answer: 1.71

$12 \div 7 = 1.7142\dots$, so 1.71 m.

D · Word problems — Sharing money, lengths and masses.

- 45 Four friends share a bill of \$23.40 equally. How much does each pay, in dollars?

Answer: 5.85

$23.40 \div 4 = \$5.85$.

- 46 A 8.4 m plank is cut into 4 equal pieces. How long is each, in metres?

Answer: 2.1

$8.4 \div 4 = 2.1$ m.

- 47 A 5.55 kg bag of flour is split equally into 5 tubs. How much in each, in kg?

Answer: 1.11

$5.55 \div 5 = 1.11$ kg.

- 48 A car travels 16.8 km using 8 litres of fuel. How far per litre, in km?

Answer: 2.1

$16.8 \div 8 = 2.1$ km per litre.

- 49 A 23.4 m roll of tape is cut into 9 equal strips. How long is each, in metres?

Answer: 2.6

$23.4 \div 9 = 2.6$ m.

- 50 Six identical books weigh 12.6 kg. What is the mass of one, in kg?

Answer: 2.1

$12.6 \div 6 = 2.1$ kg.

- 51 A 3.6 m ribbon is shared between 8 people. How much each, in metres?

Answer: 0.45

$3.6 \div 8 = 0.45$ m.

- 52 A journey of 100 km takes 7 hours. What is the average speed, to 2 decimal places, in km/h?

Answer: 14.29

$100 \div 7 = 14.29$ km/h.

- 53 A 6.35 litre container is emptied into 5 equal jugs. How much in each, in litres?

Answer: 1.27

$6.35 \div 5 = 1.27$ litres.

- 54 Eight people share \$9 equally. How much each, in dollars?

Answer: 1.125

$9 \div 8 = 1.125$, which as money would be rounded to \$1.13.

- 55** A wall 2.46 m long is divided into 2 equal panels. How wide is each, in metres?

Answer: 1.23

$$2.46 \div 2 = 1.23 \text{ m.}$$

- 56** A 15 kg sack is split into 8 equal bags. How much in each, in kg?

Answer: 1.875

$$15 \div 8 = 1.875 \text{ kg.}$$