

Unit 5 Lesson 2

Reading Decimals

Understanding how to read a decimal is the first step in learning about decimals. Look at the table below and practice reading the decimals. The first column is the decimal you are reading. The second column tells you what to say first. The third column tells you what to read for the place value indicated by the number of decimal places in the number.

DECIMAL	NUMBER	PLACE VALUE
.6	six	tenths
.06	six	hundredths
.006	six	thousandths
.0006	six	ten-thousandths

Fill in the table below and then practice reading the following decimals correctly.

Decimal	Number	Place Value
.8		
.32		
.88		
.005		
.03		

Now practice reading a decimal with a whole number in front. For example, when you read a person's temperature on the Fahrenheit scale, the normal reading is 98.6 degrees. This would be read ninety eight and six tenths. We use the "and" to signal the decimal point.

Fill in the table below and then practice reading the whole numbers and decimals.

Decimal	Number	Place Value
99.2		
101.5		
100.1		
97.7		