Converting Decimals to Fractions

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What does it mean for a decimal to terminate?

• It is a decimal that has a last digit and ends

• How do you think we can convert decimals into fractions?

- The first way is by just saying the decimal in words and then writing it in fraction form.
 - For example: 0.2, 0.6, 0.15

Another way to convert decimals to fractions

- The second way to convert a decimal is by using simple math
- To do this we start by moving the decimal point to the right until we get a whole number
- We then use that number as the numerator, and we have to raise 10 to however number of decimal places we moved the decimal point.
- Finally, we simplify if possible and then we are done.

Example time

- 0.5
- 0.28
- 0.567
- 0.7896

What if there is a whole number in front of the decimal place?

• This is the same process as before, but the only difference is that the answer will be a mixed number instead of just a fraction.

• For example: 3.25

• For this one we will have the mixed number:

More Examples

• 5.546

• 9.12

• 13.52

Word Problem

- Two protected bird species are the whooping crane and the piping plover. How many times greater is the weight of the whooping crane than the weight of the piping plover?
 - Whooping Crane weight: 246.25
 - Piping Plover weight: 1 7/8.