

Fifth grade students work with strategies when investigating division. One strategy that assists students is *multiplying up*.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 634 \div 26 \\
 \hline
 26 \times 10 = 260 \\
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 \hline
 520 \\
 26 \times 2 = 52 \\
 \hline
 572 \\
 26 \times 2 = 52 \\
 \hline
 624 \\
 \hline
 24 \quad 624 \\
 \hline
 R 10 \\
 \hline
 \text{Ans: } 24 R 10
 \end{array}$$

This student has used the *partial quotient* strategy to divide this problem.

$$634 \div 26 =$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 24 \\
 26 \overline{) 634} \\
 \underline{- 260} \quad 10 \\
 374 \\
 \underline{- 260} \quad 10 \\
 114 \\
 \underline{- 52} \quad 2 \\
 62 \\
 \underline{- 52} \quad 2 \\
 10 \\
 \hline
 \text{Ans: } 24 R 10
 \end{array}$$

Division of a fraction by a fraction is not a standard for Grade 5.

A strategy a fifth grader might use for division is *proportional reasoning*.

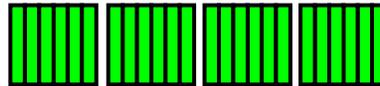
$$\begin{array}{l}
 768 \div 16 = \\
 \div 2 \quad \div 2 \\
 384 \div 8 \\
 \div 2 \quad \div 2 \\
 192 \div 4 \\
 \div 2 \quad \div 2 \\
 96 \div 2 \\
 \div 2 \quad \div 2 \\
 48 \div 1 = 48
 \end{array}$$

Students in Grade 5 will use equivalent fractions in order to add and subtract.

$$\frac{2}{3} + \frac{5}{4} = \frac{8}{12} + \frac{15}{12} = \frac{23}{12}$$

Fifth graders solve fraction word problems. This example involves multiplication of a whole number and a fraction.

There are 4 sheets of colored paper, and I need to use $\frac{5}{8}$ of each sheet to finish my art project. How much paper will I use?



$\frac{5}{8}$ four times means that $\frac{20}{8}$ of the paper is used which is 3 whole sheets of paper and $\frac{2}{8}$ of the last sheet.

Fifth graders explore division of fractions. $\frac{3}{4}$ is the result of $3 \div 4$, and they should note that $\frac{3}{4}$ multiplied by 4 is 3.

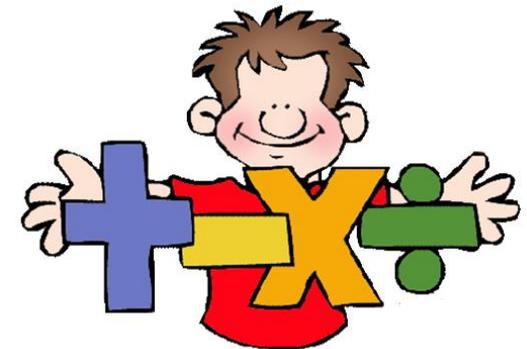
If 3 pizzas were shared equally by 4 people, each person has a share of size $\frac{3}{4}$.



Parent Math Strategy Guide

Grade 5

Strategies for Division,
Working with Decimals,
and Fractions



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Having worked with addition, subtraction, multiplication and division in both third and fourth grade, fifth grade students are expected to continue apply this understanding when working with decimals.

A strategy used in earlier grades is working with *place value*. This is a written example of what students are able to do in grade 5.

$$1.8 + 2.86$$

$$(1 + 0.8) + (2 + 0.8 + 0.06)$$

$$(1 + 2) + (0.8 + 0.8) + (0.06)$$

$$3 + 1.6 + 0.06$$

$$4.66$$

Fifth graders also do this with subtraction.

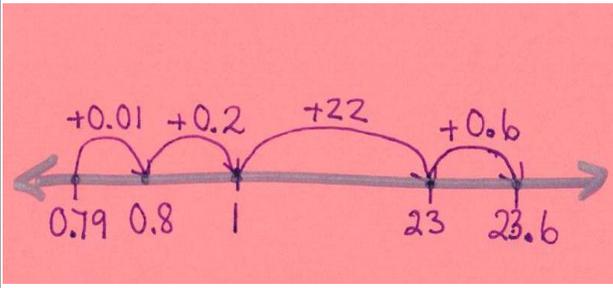
$$2.86 - 1.8$$

$$2 - 1 = 1$$

$$1.86 - 0.8 = 1.06$$

Students may solve a decimal subtraction problem by using an *open number line*. This strategy is still based on place value understanding.

$$23.6 - 0.79 = 22.81$$



The strategy *doubling and halving* is applied to decimal multiplication.

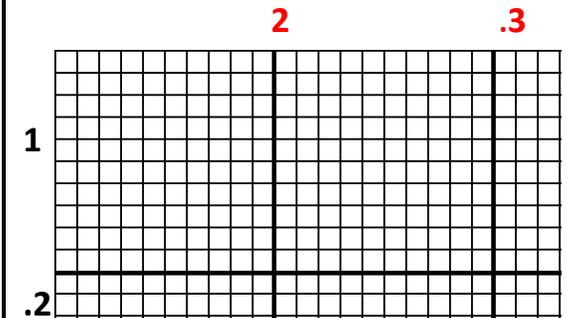
$$8 \times 2.5 =$$

$$\begin{array}{l} 8 \times 2.5 \\ \div 2 \quad \times 2 \\ 4 \times 5.0 \\ \div 2 \quad \times 2 \\ 2 \times 10.0 \\ = 20.0 \end{array}$$

Fifth grade students are expected to be able to fluently multiply multi-digit whole numbers using the standard algorithm.

$$\begin{array}{r} 326 \\ \times 34 \\ \hline 1304 \\ 9780 \\ \hline 11,084 \end{array}$$

A fifth grader should apply knowledge of multiplication working with decimals.

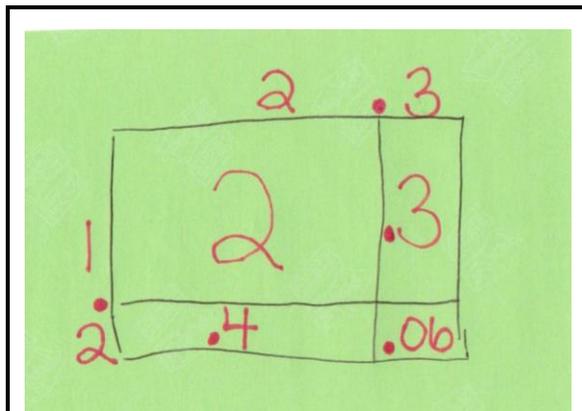


Students will use a grid to show a model of a problem. The use of models continues as does working with the distributive property.

$$1.2 \times 2.3 = 2.76$$

$$(1.0 \times 2.0) + (1.0 \times 0.3) + (0.2 \times 2.0) + (0.2 \times 0.3)$$

$$2.0 + 0.3 + 0.4 + 0.06 = 2.76$$



A student's model of 1.2 x 2.3 (which means 1 and 2-tenths of 2 and 3-tenths). Each section is labeled to show the product.