

Multiplying with Decimals

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When multiplying decimals look on the top line
Is there a decimal there?
If there is, put your pencil there and count to the right
Is there another decimal there anywhere?

If there is, count between them, and then you will know
How many numbers to count off there will be
Take that number, count from right to left, and then you can show
Where the decimal in the product will be

Ahhhh, but what if there is only one decimal there?
Well, that will work out just fine
You just still put your pencil on the decimal there
But now just count to the end of that line

And that's the only number that you will need
To show you know where this decimal goes
Take that number, count from right to left and then you will show
That your knowledge of the decimal grows!!