

MATH NEWS

Grade 5, Module 1, Topic C

5th Grade Math

Module 1: Place Value and Decimal Fractions

Math Parent Letter

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Topic C: Place Value and Rounding Decimal Fractions

Words to know

- Thousandths/Hundredths/Tenths
- Decompose
- Decimal Fraction

Things to Remember!

Vertical number lines promotes students' understanding of rounding in that numbers are quite literally rounded up and down to the nearest multiple rather than left or right as in a horizontal number line.

Decompose – showing the different ways a number can be separated into the most of each place value unit

tens	ones	tenths	hundredths
5	2	9	
	52	9	
		529	

52.9 = 5 tens 2 ones 9 tenths
52 ones 9 tenths
529 tenths

OBJECTIVE OF TOPIC C

- Round a given decimal to any place using place value understanding and the vertical number line.

Focus Area – Topic C

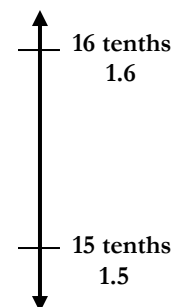
Place Value and Rounding Decimal Fractions

Rounding 1.57 to the nearest tenth

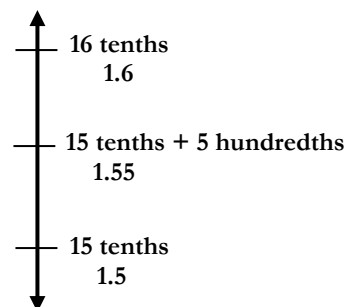
Step 1: Decompose 1.57 to show as many ones, tenths, and hundredths.

tens	ones	tenths	hundredths
	1	5	7
		15	7
			157

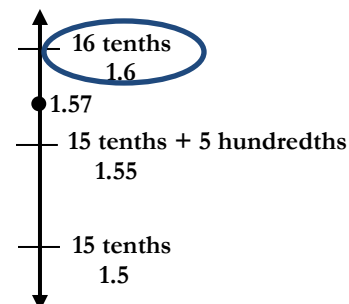
Step 2: Draw a vertical number line. Since we are going to round to the nearest tenth, we need to decide between which two tenths does 1.57 lie and indicate that on the vertical number line.



Step 3: Determine the halfway point or midpoint between 15 tenths and 16 tenths.



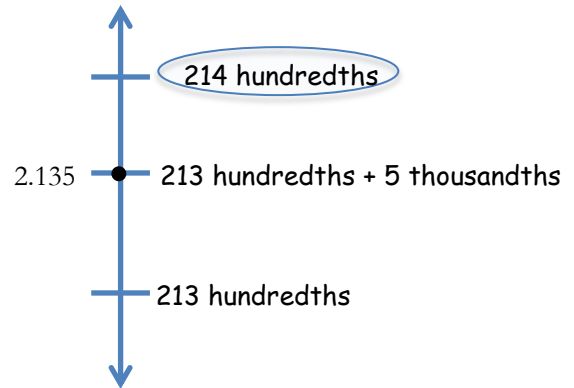
Step 4: Locate 1.57 on the number line. We can see that 1.57 is past the midpoint so 1.57 rounds to 16 tenths or 1.6.



Application Problems and Answers

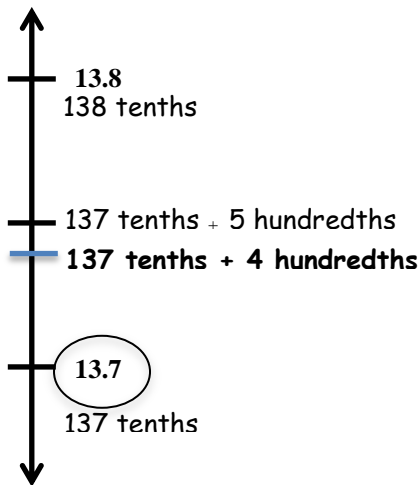
For open international competition, the throwing circle in the men's shot put must have a diameter of 2.135 meters. Round this number to the nearest hundredth to estimate the diameter. Use a number line to show your work.

tens	ones	tenths	hundredths	thousandths
	2	1	3	5
		21	3	5
			213	5
				2135



The diameter is 2.14 meters.

A decimal number has two digits to the right of its decimal point. If we round it to the nearest tenth, the result is 13.7. What is the **maximum** possible value of this number? Use words and the number line to explain your reasoning. Include the midpoint on your number line.



The maximum possible value is 13.74. If the number was 13.75 it would round to 13.8.