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Estimating Percent

Estimate 8% of 300,000.

Round the percent.

Think of the equivalent decimal.

$$10\% = 0.1$$

Multiply.

$$0.1 \times 300,000 = 30,000$$

Estimate 27% of 297.

Round both numbers.

$$27\% \approx 30\% \quad 297 \approx 300$$

Think of an equivalent decimal.

$$30\% = 0.3$$

Multiply.

$$0.3 \times 300 = 90$$

To multiply by 0.1, move the decimal point one place to the left.

$$0.1 \times 50 = 5$$

$$0.1 \times 4700 = 470$$

$$0.1 \times 3,659 = 365.9$$

To multiply by a multiple of 0.1, such as 0.3, break apart the number.

$$0.3 = 0.1 \times 3$$

Multiply one step at a time.

$$0.1 \times 300 = 30$$

$$30 \times 3 = 90$$

Round each percent, then write the equivalent decimal.

Break apart each decimal so the numbers are easier to multiply.

Estimate each percent.

- **19. Number Sense** What is another way to estimate 51% of 42?
- 20. Reasoning If 10% of a number is 100, what is 15% of that number? Explain how you determined your answer.