

Examples:

786452

517.3065

9.9406

0.002499

Round to...

the nearest hundred

the nearest unit

2 decimal places



3 decimal places



Exercise

- 1 Write 7463.9 to the nearest:
 - a integer
 - b ten
 - c hundred
- 2 Write 6.4937 correct to:
 - a 3 decimal places
 - b 2 decimal places
 - c 1 decimal place
- 3 Approximate 78.375 to:
 - a the nearest integer
 - b 1 decimal place
 - c 2 decimal places
- 4 Approximate 70 494 to the nearest:
 - a thousand
 - b hundred
 - c ten
- 5 Round off 62.905 84 correct to:
 - a 3 decimal places
 - b 1 decimal place
 - c 2 decimal places
- 6 Round off 76 538 to the nearest:
 - a ten
 - b hundred
 - c thousand
- 7 Approximate 128.0497 to:
 - a the nearest integer
 - b the nearest ten
 - c 3 decimal places
- 8 Approximate 96.8624 to:
 - a the nearest integer
 - b 1 decimal place
 - c 3 decimal places

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	786452	517.3065	9.9406	0.002499
Round to...				
the nearest hundred	786 500	500	0	0
the nearest unit	786 452	517	10	0
2 decimal places	786452	517.31	9.94	0.00
3 decimal places	786452	517.307	9.941	0.002

- 1** a 7464 b 7460 c 7500
3 a 78 b 78.4 c 78.38
5 a 62.906 b 62.9 c 62.91
7 a 128 b 130 c 128.050

- 2** a 6.494 b 6.49 c 6.5
4 a 70 000 b 70 500 c 70 490
6 a 76 540 b 76 500 c 77 000
8 a 97 b 96.9 c 96.862

Rules for Determining Significant Figures

1. Counting from the left, the first non-zero digit is the first significant figure.
2. All figures following the first significant figure are also significant unless
 - a) Final zeros in a whole number are not significant.
 - b) Final zeros after the decimal point are significant.

Round the following numbers to 3 significant figures:

5432

12560

6045

4005

0.002437

0.0207

0.02007

0.5 $\dot{6}$

How many significant figures are there in each of the following numerals?

a 2.1**b** 1.76**c** 9.05**d** 0.62**e** 7.305**f** 0.104**g** 3.6**h** 3.60**i** 0.002**j** 0.056**k** 0.04**l** 0.40**m** 0.00471**n** 3.040**o** 0.5**p** 304**q** 7001**r** 0.00150**s** 0.000 000 125**t** 0.000 000 100**u** 0.000 000 001

1 Write these numbers correct to 2 significant figures.

a 648**b** 34.78**c** 7.082**d** 0.0557**e** 36 578

2 Write these numbers correct to 3 significant figures.

a 4879**b** 21.036**c** 345.88**d** 21.675**e** 0.004 776

3 Write these numbers correct to 2 significant figures.

a 399**b** 0.205**c** 7577**d** 2.963**e** 15.09

4 Write these numbers correct to 3 significant figures.

a 4599**b** 0.005 996**c** 2.000 47**d** 1.9956**e** 21.97

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a 2 **b** 3 **c** 3 **d** 2 **e** 4 **f** 3 **g** 2 **h** 3 **i** 1
j 2 **k** 1 **l** 2 **m** 3 **n** 4 **o** 1 **p** 3 **q** 4 **r** 3
s 3 **t** 3 **u** 1

1 **a** 650 **b** 35 **c** 7.1 **d** 0.056 **e** 37 000
2 **a** 4880 **b** 21.0 **c** 346 **d** 21.7 **e** 0.004 78
3 **a** 400 **b** 0.21 **c** 7600 **d** 3.0 **e** 15
4 **a** 4600 **b** 0.006 00 **c** 2.00
 d 2.00 **e** 22.0

5 Write these numbers correct to 1 significant figure.

a 16.3 **b** 4.7 **c** 24.9 **d** 7.7 **e** 8.5

6 Write these numbers correct to 1 significant figure.

a 0.61 **b** 0.77 **c** 0.45 **d** 0.056 **e** 0.0079

7 Work out an estimate for the value of each of these expressions by first rounding the numbers to 1 significant figure.

a 3.4×4.9 **b** 5.4×3.8 **c** 9.4×9.9 **d** 13.4×3.9 **e** 24.4×4.7

8 Work out an estimate for the value of each of these expressions by first writing the numbers correct to 1 significant figure.

a $211 \div 12$ **b** $346 \div 3.2$ **c** $985 \div 478$ **d** $377 \div 48$ **e** $2334 \div 12.9$

9 Work out an estimate for the value of each of these expressions by first rounding the numbers to 1 significant figure.

a $\frac{5.4 \times 9.9}{10.1}$ **b** $\frac{9.8 \times 4.9}{5.1}$ **c** $\frac{16.4 \times 9.9}{16.8}$ **d** $\frac{6.8 \times 19.9}{12.1}$ **e** $\frac{17.4 \times 20.3}{38.7}$

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4 **a** 4600 **b** 0.006 00 **c** 2.00
 d 2.00 **e** 22.0
5 **a** 20 **b** 5 **c** 20 **d** 8 **e** 9
6 **a** 0.6 **b** 0.8 **c** 0.5 **d** 0.06 **e** 0.008
7 **a** 15 **b** 20 **c** 90 **d** 40 **e** 100
8 **a** 20 **b** 100 **c** 2 **d** 8 **e** 200
9 **a** 5 **b** 10 **c** 10 **d** 14 **e** 10