

Subtracting Decimals

Subtracting decimals is relatively simple. Think of it as subtracting any other numbers. However, ensure that the decimal points are all lined up underneath one another before you begin. Put the decimal point in your answer box underneath the others, then subtract your numbers in the normal way.

Example: $23.62 - 5.67$: first line up the numbers using the decimal points

$$\begin{array}{r} 23.62 \\ - 5.67 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Put the decimal point in the answer box.

$$\begin{array}{r} 23.62 \\ - 5.67 \\ \hline 17.95 \end{array}$$

Complete the calculation

Now try these using the same method.

1. $4.76 - 1.39 =$ _____

2. $31.71 - 17.24 =$ _____

3. $9.25 - 4.97 =$ _____

4. $17.89 - 14.355 =$ _____

5. $107.2 - 36.70 =$ _____

6. $23.04 - 8.57 =$ _____

7. $0.56 - 0.087 =$ _____

Subtracting Decimals – **ANSWERS**

1. $4.76 - 1.39 = 3.37$

2. $31.71 - 17.24 = 14.47$

3. $9.25 - 4.97 = 4.28$

4. $17.89 - 14.355 = 3.535$

5. $107.2 - 36.70 = 70.5$

6. $23.04 - 8.57 = 14.47$

7. $0.56 - 0.087 = 0.473$