

Use the number 5.39 to answer problems 4-7.

4. The digit 3 is in the _____ place.

5. The digit 3 has a value of 3 out of the _____ equal parts in one whole.

6. The digit 9 is in the _____ place.

7. The digit 9 has a value of 9 out of the _____ equal parts in one whole.

To check your answers,
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Reading and Writing Decimals

Remember that a decimal gets its name from the number of places at the right of the decimal point. To read a decimal, count the places at the right of the point.

Example: Read the decimal .042.

Count the decimal places. The decimal .042 has three. Three places are thousandths. Read .042 as *forty-two thousandths*.

Do not confuse a period at the end of a sentence with a decimal point.

With mixed decimals, separate the whole number and the decimal with the word *and*.

Example: Read 13.09.

Count the decimal places. The mixed decimal 13.09 has two. Two decimal places are hundredths. Read 13.09 as *thirteen and nine hundredths*.