

Rules for Addition

1. Line up your decimal points.
2. Add 0s after the decimal point so that all of the numbers have the same number of places after the decimal.
3. Add as you would with whole numbers.
4. Just move the decimal point down into your answer.

Rules for Addition - Example

1. Line up your decimal points

$$\begin{array}{r} 1.38 \\ + 2.4 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

2. Add 0s after the decimal point so that all of the numbers have the same number of places after the decimal

$$\begin{array}{r} 1.38 \\ + 2.40 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Rules for Addition - Example

3. Add as you would with whole numbers.

$$\begin{array}{r} 1.38 \\ + 2.40 \\ \hline 3.78 \end{array}$$

4. Move the decimal point down into your answer.

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