



Essential Question: How do I convert between standard decimal notation and scientific notation?

Questions:

Notes:

Standard decimal notation is the typical way we see numbers written.

Example: 2,310,000

0.000973

Scientific notation is a way to express very large and very small numbers.

Scientific notation is written as a product of a number greater than or equal to 1 and less than 10, times a power of 10.

Example:  $2.31 \times 10^6$  ← Very large number

$9.73 \times 10^{-4}$  ← Very small number

→ The first factor in scientific notation MUST be between 1 and 10. ←

$$1 \leq x < 10$$

Are all of these written correctly in scientific notation? Why or why not?

$1.8 \times 10^3$

$0.6 \times 10^{-8}$

$45 \times 10^4$

Yes! 1.8 is between 1 and 10. No! 0.6 isn't between 1 + 10. No! 45 isn't between 1 + 10.

Summary:

Questions:	Notes:
	<p>Standard Decimal Notation → Scientific Notation</p>
	<p>1. Draw an arrow so there is one number to the left of the arrow. Put a decimal point at the tip of the arrow. You just created a number between 1 and 10.</p>
	<p>2. Count the spaces from the arrow to the original <u>decimal</u> point.</p>
	<p>This number is your exponent number. It will be <u>positive</u> or <u>negative</u> depending on which way you moved when you went <u>from arrow to decimal</u>. <u>(when you counted)</u></p>
	<p>Move right: <u>positive</u> exponent</p>
	<p>Move left: <u>negative</u> exponent</p>
	<p>3. Write in scientific notation by using the number from Step 1 (with the new decimal instead of the arrow) times 10 raised up to the exponent number from Step 2.</p>
	<p><math>62,000 = 6.2 \times 10^4</math>                      <math>125 = 1.25 \times 10^2</math></p>
	<p><math>0.00008852 = 8.852 \times 10^{-5}</math>                      <math>0.073 = 7.3 \times 10^{-2}</math></p>
	<p>Scientific Notation → Standard Decimal Notation</p>
	<p>1. Circle the exponent.</p>
	<p>2. Move the <u>decimal</u> point left or right the number of times shown by the exponent.</p>
	<p>Positive exponent: Move decimal <u>right</u></p>
	<p>Negative exponent: Move decimal <u>left</u></p>
	<p>3. Rewrite the number</p>
	<p>4. Put zeros in the <u>empty</u> <u>spaces</u>.</p>
	<p><math>7.25 \times 10^5 = 725,000</math>                      <math>5 \times 10^{-2} = 0.05</math></p>
	<p><math>9.06 \times 10^{-4} = 0.000906</math>                      <math>6.024 \times 10^6 = 6,024,000</math></p>