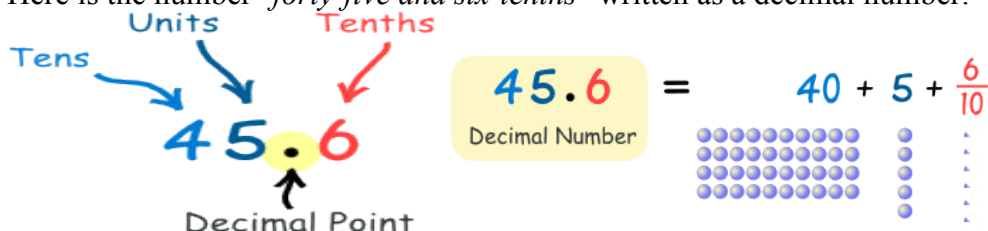




DECIMALS: A number with one or more digits to the right of the decimal point. Example: Here is the number "forty-five and six-tenths" written as a decimal number:



ADDING AND SUBTRACTING DECIMALS



*STEP 1: **ALWAYS LINE UP THE DECIMALS.**

****NOTE:** IF THERE IS A WHOLE NUMBER WITHOUT A DECIMAL, PLACE DECIMAL AT THE END OF THE NUMBER AND ADD ZEROS TO FILL SPACES AS NECESSARY.

*STEP 2: ADD OR SUBTRACT YOUR COLUMNS AS YOU ALWAYS DO FROM RIGHT TO LEFT.

*STEP 3: BRING YOUR DECIMAL STRAIGHT DOWN IN YOUR ANSWER.

EX: ADDING DECIMALS

EX: SUBTRACTING DECIMALS

Line up the decimal points...

$$\begin{array}{r} 3.21 \\ + 4.5 \\ \hline 7.71 \end{array}$$

and just drag that decimal point straight down!

Add as usual!

Line up the decimal points... borrow (regroup) if you need to!

$$\begin{array}{r} 16.34 \\ - 3.18 \\ \hline 13.16 \end{array}$$