

# Reading and Writing Decimals

The number of digits after the decimal point tells how to read a decimal number.

0 . —

one digit

0.4

four

tenths

0.5

five

tenths

0.7

seven

tenths

0 . — —

two digits

0.40

forty

hundredths

0.05

five

hundredths

0.35

thirty-five

hundredths

0 . — — —

three digits

0.400

four hundred

thousandths

0.005

five

thousandths

0.250

two hundred fifty

thousandths

For decimals greater than one, read the whole number, say “and” for the decimal point, and then read the decimal.

3 . 75

*three and seventy-five hundredths*

10 . 5

*ten and five tenths*

200 . 05

*two hundred and five hundredths*

17 . 345

*seventeen and three hundred forty-five thousandths*



**Say this number: 40.35**

**Write this number: three hundred five and four tenths**