

# Convert small numbers to standard form

Maths

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1. Fill in the blanks.

$$10^3 = \boxed{\phantom{000}}$$

$$10^2 = 100$$

$$\boxed{\phantom{00}} = 10$$

$$10^0 = \boxed{\phantom{0}}$$

$$10^{-1} = \frac{1}{10^1} = \frac{1}{10} = 0.1$$

$$10^{-2} = \frac{1}{10^2} = \boxed{\phantom{00}} = 0.01$$

$$10^{-3} = \frac{1}{10^3} = \frac{1}{1000} = \boxed{\phantom{000}}$$

2. Dora thinks that  $5 \times 10^{-3}$  is the same as  $5 \times 0.001$

Show that Dora is correct.

3. Which of the following number cards correctly represents 0.003?

$$3 \times 10^4$$

$$\frac{1}{3000}$$

$$\frac{1}{30000}$$

$$\frac{1}{3^4}$$

$$3 \times 10^{-4}$$



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4. Write these numbers in standard form.

- a) 0.004
- b) 0.021
- c) 0.007 01
- d) 0.000 812
- e) 0.000 009
- f) 0.000 000 989

5. Violet light has a wavelength of approximately 0.000 000 4 m.  
Write this number in standard form.

6. Here are some number cards.



Put them into order starting with the smallest.



# Answers



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1. Fill in the blanks

$$10^3 = \boxed{1000}$$

$$10^2 = 100$$

$$\boxed{10^1} = 10$$

$$10^0 = \boxed{1}$$

$$10^{-1} = \frac{1}{10^1} = \frac{1}{10} = 0.1$$

$$10^{-2} = \frac{1}{10^2} = \boxed{\frac{1}{100}} = 0.01$$

$$10^{-3} = \frac{1}{10^3} = \frac{1}{1000} = \boxed{0.001}$$

2. Dora thinks that  $5 \times 10^{-3}$  is the same as  $5 \times 0.001$

Show that Dora is correct.

$10^{-3} = 0.001$  so the two calculations are the same.

3. Which of the following number cards correctly represents 0.003?

$$3 \times 10^4$$

$$\frac{1}{3000}$$

$$\frac{1}{30000}$$

$$\frac{1}{3^4}$$

$$3 \times 10^{-3}$$



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4. Write these numbers in standard form.

a)  $0.004 = 4 \times 10^{-3}$

b)  $0.021 = 2.1 \times 10^{-2}$

c)  $0.007\ 01 = 7.01 \times 10^{-3}$

d)  $0.000\ 812 = 8.12 \times 10^{-4}$

e)  $0.000\ 009 = 9 \times 10^{-6}$

f)  $0.000\ 000\ 989 = 9.89 \times 10^{-7}$

5. Violet light has a wavelength of approximately 0.000 000 4 m.

Write this number in standard form.

$4 \times 10^{-7}$  m

6. Here are some number cards.

0.000 4	$3.2 \times 10^2$	$4.3 \times 10^3$	0.00 32
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Put them into order starting with the smallest.

0.000 4	0.00 32	$3.2 \times 10^2$	$4.3 \times 10^3$
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