

Answers to Significant Digit Worksheet:

Give the number of significant digits in each of the following measurements:

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| 1. 1 278.50 | 6 | 7. 8.002 | 4 | 13. 43.050 | 5 |
| 2. 120 000 | 2 | 8. 823.012 | 6 | 14. 0.147 | 3 |
| 3. 90 027.00 | 7 | 9. 0.005789 | 4 | 15. 6271.91 | 6 |
| 4. 0.0053567 | 5 | 10. 2.60 | 3 | 16. 6 | 1 |
| 5. 670 | 2 | 11. 542 000. | 6 | 17. 3.47 | 3 |
| 6. 0.00730 | 3 | 12. 2 653 008.0 | 8 | 18. 387 465 | 6 |

Round off the following numbers to three significant digits:

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| 19. 120 000 = 1.20 x 10⁵ | 22. 4.53619 = 4.54 |
| 20. 5.457 = 5.46 | 23. 43.659 = 43.7 |
| 21. 0.0008769 = 0.000877 or 8.77 x 10⁻⁴ | 24. 876 493 = 876 000 or 8.76 x 10⁵ |

Perform the following operations giving the proper number of significant figures in the answer.

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| 25. 23.4 x 14 | 327.6 = 330 or 3.3 x 10² |
| 26. 7.895 + 3.4 | 11.295 = 11.3 |
| 27. 0.0945 x 1.47 | 0.138 915 = 0.139 |
| 28. 0.005 - 0.0007 | 0.0043 = 0.004 |
| 29. 7.895 / 34 | 0.232 205 882 = 0.23 |
| 30. 0.2 / 0.0005 | 400 = 400 |
| 31. 350.0 - 200 | 150 = 200 |
| 32. 27.68 - 14.369 | 13.311 = 13.31 |
| 33. 3.08 x 5.2 | 16.016 = 16 |
| 34. 0.0036 x 0.02 | 0.000072 = 0.00007 |
| 35. 4.35 x 2.74 x 3.008 | 35.852352 = 35.9 |
| 36. 35.7 x 0.78 x 2.3 | 64.0458 = 64 |
| 37. 3.76 / 1.62 | 2.320987654 = 2.32 |
| 38. 0.075 / 0.030 | 2.5 = 2.5 |
| 39. 65 000(0.08 x 200 x 0.004) / (800 x 300) | 0.01666666667 = 0.02 |
| 40. [(11.34 - 9.63) / 11.34] x 100.00 | 15.079365079 = 15.1 |
| 41. [(2.0265 - 2.02) / 2.0265] x 100.00 | 0.3207500617 = 0.3 |

Converting between two sets of units never changes the number of significant figures in a measurement. Remember, data are only as good as the original measurement, and no later manipulations can clean them up.