3 Number skills 1

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Key Points

Place value

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To find **equivalent fractions**, multiply or divide the numerator and denominator by the same number.

To **simplify** a fraction, divide the numerator and

Equivalent fractions

Simplifying fractions

Order of operations

denominator by the same number.

Finding a fraction of a quantity

To find a fraction of a quantity, divide the

quantity by the denominator and then multiply

by the numerator, or multiply the quantity by the numerator and then divide by the denominator.

The position of a **digit** in a number tells you its **place value**.

Ordering numbers

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To **order** numbers, look at the digits with the highest place value. The biggest number has the largest digit. If numbers have the same value digit, look at the digits in the next place value column.

Rounding

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Whole numbers can be rounded to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000. Decimal numbers can be rounded to the nearest whole number, one decimal place (1 d.p.), two decimal places (2 d.p.), and three decimal places (3 d.p.).

Converting between metric units

Brackets→Indices (powers)→Division and Multiplication→Addition and Subtraction

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To **convert** between different metric units, multiply or divide by 10, 100 or 1000.

3.1 Whole numbers

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- 1 Look at the numbers in the place value diagram.
 - **a** Write down the value of the 2 in 6427.
 - **b** Write down the value of the 5 in 245 000.
 - c Write down the number that has three tens.
 - d Write down the number that has 8 ten thousands.
 - e Write the number 930 in words.

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2 Look at these cards:







a Use all three cards once to make the largest number possible.

b Use all three cards once to make the smallest number possible.

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a Mr Gerrard has been given a cheque for twenty-five thousand, eight hundred and twelve pounds.



Write this amount in figures in the space on the cheque.

b The cheque below is for £4680.

Write this amount in words in the space on the cheque.



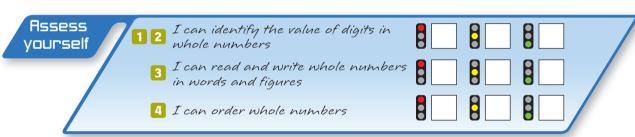


4 Write these numbers in order, from smallest to largest.

246 85 514 **26** 380

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Cross the numbers off as you write them down.



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3.2 Decimals

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- 1 Look at the numbers in the place value diagram.
 - **a** Write down the value of the 6 in 8.63
 - **b** Write down the value of the 8 in 15.08

 - c Write down the number that has zero units.
 - d Which number has 4 hundreds?
 - e Which number has 3 hundredths?
 - f Write down the number that has 1 thousandth.

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