## Feb 5, 2019

#### 1) Significant Digits

Reminder Classroom Agreement sheets are due Friday!!

## Warm-Up

Using your textbook determine each of the following about Significant Digits:

- 1. The page it begins on.
- 2. The chapter it is found within.
- 3. The definition for significant digits.

### Significant Digits

Determines the amount of rounding off that needs to be done to a number. Why?

A measuring instrument can only measure to a certain number of significant digits. So you don't want to over represent the amount of precision you had.

#### i.e. 0.00700km compared to 0.007km

on this odometer you can only be significant to the tenths column. You cannot use a digit to the right of the tenths column with any certainty (or significance).



#### Rules for Identifying/Counting Significant Digits

1. ALL non-zero numbers (1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9) are ALWAYS significant/counted

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i.e. 475 ( 3 significant digits) 34.5 ( 3 significant digits)
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2. Any Zeros between two other significant digits are significant/counted.

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i.e. 7005 (4 significant digits) 307 (3 significant digits)
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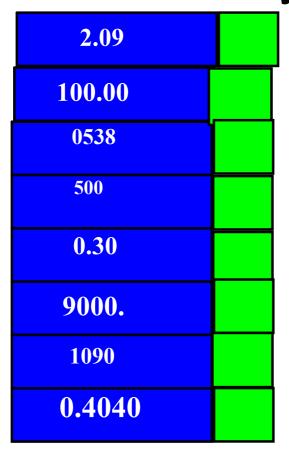
3. Zeros at the beginning are not significant/counted

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i.e. 0.0045 (2 significant digits)
0.03 m (1 significant digits)
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4. Zeros at the end are only significant (counted) if there is a decimal place in the number

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i.e. 4560 (3 significant digits)
4560.00 (6 significant digits)
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## Lets Try a Few



Copy this chart into your notebook and record the number of significant digits beside the number.

# Significant Digits Worsheet #1-12