

**Reteach****Decimals as Fractions**

Decimals like 0.58, 0.12, and 0.08 can be written as fractions.

To write a decimal as a fraction, you can follow these steps.

1. Identify the place value of the last decimal place.
2. Write the decimal as a fraction using the place value as the denominator, and simplify.

**Example 1** Write 0.5 as a fraction in simplest form.

$$0.5 = \frac{5}{10}$$

0.5 means five tenths.

$$= \frac{\cancel{5}}{\cancel{10}}$$

Simplify. Divide the numerator and denominator by the GCF, 5.

$$= \frac{1}{2}$$

So, in simplest form, 0.5 is  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

**Example 2** Write 0.35 as a fraction in simplest form.

$$0.35 = \frac{35}{100}$$

0.35 means 35 hundredths.

$$= \frac{\cancel{35}}{\cancel{100}}$$

Simplify. Divide the numerator and denominator by the GCF, 5.

$$= \frac{7}{20}$$

So, in simplest form, 0.35 is  $\frac{7}{20}$ .

**Example 3** Write 4.375 as a mixed number in simplest form.

$$4.375 = 4\frac{375}{1,000}$$

0.375 means 375 thousandths.

$$= 4\frac{\cancel{375}}{\cancel{1,000}}$$

Simplify. Divide the numerator and denominator by the GCF, 125.

$$= 4\frac{3}{8}$$

So, in simplest form, 4.375 is  $4\frac{3}{8}$ .

**Exercises**

Write each decimal as a fraction or mixed number in simplest form.

1. 0.9

2. 0.8

3. 0.27

4. 0.75

5. 0.34

6. 0.125

7. 0.035

8. 0.008

9. 1.4

10. 3.6

11. 6.28

12. 2.65

13. 12.05

14. 4.004

15. 23.205

16. 51.724