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### Unit 5 Day 5: Multiplying and Dividing in Scientific Notation

Focus Question: How do I multiply and divide numbers in scientific notation?

#### A. Review

1. The number  $7.2 \times 10^3$  is written in scientific notation. In standard form it is 7,200.

2. Perform each of the following

a.  $2x^4 \cdot 3x^6$

$2 \cdot 3 x^{4+6} = 6x^{10}$

b.  $\frac{10y^6}{2y^4}$

$\frac{10}{2} y^{6-4} = 5y^2$

For each word problem below, indicate how you know to multiply. Then find the answer in both scientific notation and standard form.

1. In 2016, it cost \$0.08 to make a nickel. The US made  $1.54656 \times 10^9$  nickels in 2016. How much money did the US lose by making nickels?

multiply b/c I know what 1 is worth & I know how many there are.

$0.08 \cdot 1.54656 \times 10^9 = \$46,396,800$  ← standard  
OR  
 $4.63968 \times 10^7$  ← sci. not.

2. The average American eats 11.7 pounds of chocolate in a year. How much chocolate is consumed in America each year? (Use an approximate number for the US population.)

#### United States population

$328,949,721 \approx 330,000,000$

multiply b/c I know 1 person eats 11.7 pounds & I know how many people there are.

$11.7 \cdot 330,000,000 = 3,861,000,000$  pounds  
OR  
 $3.861E9$

3. The average woman speaks  $2.5 \cdot 10^4$  words a day. There are approximately  $3 \cdot 10^9$  women on the planet earth. How many words are spoken by all the women on the planet in one day?



4. The average human body contains  $5 \times 10^{-7}$  pounds of gold. If the population of Rogers, AR is  $6 \times 10^4$ , how many pounds of gold are in the Rogers population combined?

multiply b/c I know the amount in 1 body & know how many bodies there are

$$(5 \times 10^{-7}) \cdot (6 \times 10^4) = 0.03 \text{ pounds}$$

OR  $3 \times 10^{-2}$



For each word problem below, indicate how you know to divide. Then find the answer in both scientific notation and standard form.

5. There are  $1.5 \times 10^{10}$  pieces of pizza eaten every year in America. How many slices does a single American eat? (Use an approximate number for the US population.)

Divide b/c Pizza  
1 person

### United States population

$$328,949,721 \approx 330,000,000$$

$$\frac{(1.5 \times 10^{10})}{330,000,000} \approx 45 \leftarrow \text{standard}$$

OR  $4.5 \times 10^1 \leftarrow \text{sci. not.}$

6. Over the course of a career, a high school drop-out makes  $\$8.5 \times 10^5$  and a college graduate makes  $\$2.55 \times 10^6$ . (How many times more money does a college graduate earn than a high school drop-out?)

$$\frac{\text{dropout} \cdot (??)}{\text{dropout}} = \frac{\text{college}}{\text{dropout}} \cdot \frac{(2.55 \times 10^6)}{(8.5 \times 10^5)} = 3 \leftarrow \text{std}$$

OR

$$3 \times 10^0$$

7. A space shuttle must travel  $1.75 \times 10^4$  miles per hour to stay in orbit. Mars is  $1.4 \times 10^8$  miles from earth. How long would it take to get to Mars?

$$8,000 \text{ hrs.} \approx 333 \text{ days}$$

