

Calculation Methods

Remember: Is this the most efficient method?



Column Addition

Step 1

Layout the calculation

$$\begin{array}{r} 23454 \\ + 596 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Step 2

The sum of 4 and 6 is 10, so there are no ones and 1 ten

$$\begin{array}{r} 23454 \\ + 596 \\ \hline 0 \\ 1 \end{array}$$

Step 3

The sum of 5 tens and 9 tens is 14 tens, plus my extra 10 is 15 tens, which is 150. There are 5 tens and 1 hundred.

$$\begin{array}{r} 23454 \\ + 596 \\ \hline 50 \\ 11 \end{array}$$

Step 4

The sum of 4 hundreds and 5 hundreds, plus my extra 100 is 10 hundreds, which is 1000. There are no hundreds and 1 thousand.

$$\begin{array}{r} 23454 \\ + 596 \\ \hline 050 \\ 111 \end{array}$$

Step 5

The sum of 3 thousands plus my extra thousand is 4000.

$$\begin{array}{r} 23454 \\ + 596 \\ \hline 4050 \\ 111 \end{array}$$

Step 6

The sum of 20 thousands and zero is 20,000.

$$\begin{array}{r} 23454 \\ + 596 \\ \hline 24050 \\ 111 \end{array}$$

Column Subtraction

Step 1

Layout the calculation

$$\begin{array}{r} 52344 \\ - 1187 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Step 2

The 1's column: Because 7 is greater than 4, exchange a ten for ten 1's. So there are now 3 tens and fourteen 1's.

$$\begin{array}{r} 23\overset{3}{\cancel{4}}\overset{1}{4} \\ - 1187 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Step 3

Now, 14 ones subtract 7 ones makes 7 ones – record this

$$\begin{array}{r} 23\overset{3}{\cancel{4}}\overset{1}{4} \\ - 1187 \\ \hline 23\overset{7}{7} \end{array}$$

Step 4

The 10's column: Because 8 tens is greater than 3 tens, exchange a 100 for 10 tens. So there are now 2

$$\begin{array}{r} 2\overset{2}{\cancel{3}}\overset{1}{\cancel{4}}\overset{1}{4} \\ - 1187 \\ \hline 2\overset{7}{7} \end{array}$$

Step 5

Now, 13 tens subtract 8 tens makes 5 tens – record this

$$\begin{array}{r} 2\overset{2}{\cancel{3}}\overset{1}{\cancel{4}}\overset{1}{4} \\ - 1187 \\ \hline 2\overset{5}{7} \end{array}$$

Step 6

The 100's column: 2 hundreds subtract 1 hundred makes 100 – record this

$$\begin{array}{r} 2\overset{2}{\cancel{3}}\overset{1}{\cancel{4}}\overset{1}{4} \\ - 1187 \\ \hline 1\overset{5}{7} \end{array}$$

Column Subtraction

Step 7

The 1000's column:
2 thousands subtract
1 thousand makes one
thousand – record this

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ 2 3 1 \\ 5 2 3 4 4 \\ - 1 1 8 7 \\ \hline 1 1 5 7 \end{array}$$

Step 8

The 10,000's column:
There are only five
10,000's with nothing to
subtract – record this

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ 2 3 1 \\ 5 2 3 4 4 \\ - 1 1 8 7 \\ \hline 5 1 1 5 7 \end{array}$$

Short Multiplication

Step 1

Layout the calculation

	2	1	7	
x			9	
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Step 2

Multiply the ones digit by the multiplier – $7 \times 9 = 63$. I have 3 ones and 6 tens.

	2	1	7	
x			9	
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			3	
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		6		

Step 3

Multiply the tens digit by the multiplier – $10 \times 9 = 90$, plus my 6 tens = 150. I have 5 tens and 1 hundred.

	2	1	7	
x			9	
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		5	3	
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	1	6		

Step 4

Multiply the hundreds digit by the multiplier $200 \times 9 = 1800$, plus my 1 hundred = 1900. I have 1 thousand and 9 hundreds.

	2	1	7	
x			9	
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	1	9	5	3
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	1	1	6	

Long Multiplication

Step 1

Layout the calculation

	3	4	2	5	
x			4	7	
					(3425 x 7)
					(3425 x 40)
					0

Step 2

Multiply the ones digit by the ones multiplier. $5 \times 7 = 35$. I have 5 ones and 3 tens.

	3	4	2	5	
x			4	7	
					(3425 x 7)
					(3425 x 40)
					3 5
					0

Step 3

Multiply the tens digit by the ones multiplier. $20 \times 7 = 140$, plus my 3 tens = 170. I have 1 hundred and 7 tens.

	3	4	2	5	
x			4	7	
					(3425 x 7)
					(3425 x 40)
					1 7 3 5
					0

Step 4

Multiply the hundreds digit by the ones multiplier. $400 \times 7 = 2800$, plus my 1 hundred = 2900. I have 2 thousands and 9 hundreds.

	3	4	2	5	
x			4	7	
					(3425 x 7)
					(3425 x 40)
					2 9 1 7 3 5
					0

Long Multiplication

Step 5

Multiply the thousands digit by the ones multiplier. $3000 \times 7 = 21,000$, plus the 2 thousands = 23,000.

	3	4	2	5	
x			4	7	
	2	3 ₂	9 ₁	7 ₃	5 (3425 x 7)
					0 (3425 x 40)

Step 6

Multiply the ones digit by the tens multiplier. $5 \times 40 = 200$. I have 0 ones, 0 tens and 2 hundreds.

	3	4	2	5	
x			4	7	
	2	3 ₂	9 ₁	7 ₃	5 (3425 x 7)
				2	0 (3425 x 40)

Step 7

Multiply the tens digit by the tens multiplier. $20 \times 40 = 800$, plus the 2 hundreds = 1000. I have 0 hundreds and 1 thousand.

	3	4	2	5	
x			4	7	
	2	3 ₂	9 ₁	7 ₃	5 (3425 x 7)
		1	0 ₂	0	0 (3425 x 40)

Step 8

Multiply the hundreds digit by the tens multiplier. $400 \times 40 = 16,000$, plus the 1 thousand = 17,000. I have 7 thousands and 1 ten thousand.

	3	4	2	5	
x			4	7	
	2	3 ₂	9 ₁	7 ₃	5 (3425 x 7)
	1	7 ₁	0 ₂	0	0 (3425 x 40)

Long Multiplication

Step 9

Multiply the thousands digit by the tens multiplier. $3000 \times 40 = 120,000$, plus the $10,000 = 130,000$. I have 3 ten thousands and 1 hundred thousand.

		3	4	2	5	
	x			4	7	
		2	3 ₂	9 ₁	7 ₃	5 (3425 x 7)
1		3 ₁	7 ₁	0 ₂	0	0 (3425 x 40)

Step 10

Now, add both of the partial answers together to get your final answer.

		3	4	2	5	
	x			4	7	
		2	3 ₂	9 ₁	7 ₃	5 (3425 x
1		3 ₁	7 ₁	0 ₂	0	0 (3425 x
1		6	0	9	7	5
		1				

Short Division

Step 1

Layout the calculation.
Place the dividend
(number you're
dividing) inside the grid
and the divisor (number
you're dividing it by) on
the outside.

	3	7	8	4	6

Step 2

How many groups of 3
thousands are there in
7 thousands? There
are 2 groups with 1
group remaining.

		2			
	3	7	18	4	6

Step 3

How many groups
of 3 hundreds are
there in 1800?
There are 6 groups.

		2	6		
	3	7	18	4	6

Step 4

How many groups
of 3 tens are there
in 4 tens? There is
1 group with 1
group remaining.

		2	6	1	
	3	7	18	4	16

Short Division

Step 5

How many groups of 3 ones are there in 16 ones? There are 5 groups with 1 group remaining.

		2	6	1	5	r1
3	7	¹ 8	4	¹ 6		

When you reach the last digit, any remainders are written after with an 'r'.