# **Represent Multiplication with Decimals and Whole Numbers**

( I Can ) use a model to multiply a whole number and a decimal.

### Florida's B.E.S.T.

- Number Sense & Operations 5.NSO.2.4
- Mathematical Thinking & Reasoning MTR.1.1, MTR.3.1, MTR.4.1, MTR.5.1, MTR.6.1, MTR.7.1

## Investigate

Materials decimal models color pencils

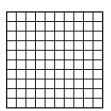
Giant tortoises move very slowly. They can travel a distance of about 0.17 mile in 1 hour. How far could a giant tortoise move if it travels at this same speed for 4 hours?

**A.** Complete the statement to describe the problem.

I need to find how many total miles are in groups

- Write an expression to represent the problem.
- **B.** Use the decimal model to find the answer.

• What does each small square in the decimal model represent?



- **C.** Shade a group of \_\_\_\_\_ squares to represent the distance a giant tortoise can move in 1 hour.
- **D.** Use a different color to shade each additional

group of \_\_\_\_\_ squares until you

have \_\_\_\_\_ groups of \_\_\_\_\_ squares.

Record the total number of squares shaded. squares

So, the giant tortoise can move \_\_\_\_\_ mile in 4 hours.





MTR Engage in discussions on 4.1 mathematical thinking.

Describe how the model helps you determine if your answer is reasonable.

### **Draw Conclusions**

- 1. Explain why you used only one decimal model to show the product.
- 2. Explain how the product of 4 groups of 0.17 is similar to the product of 4 groups of 17. How is it different?
- **3.** MTR Compare the product of 0.17 and 4 with each of the factors. Which number has the greatest value? Explain how this is different than multiplying two whole numbers.

### **Make Connections**

You can draw a quick picture to solve decimal multiplication problems.

Find the product.  $3 \times 0.46$ 

- **STEP 1** Draw 3 groups of 4 tenths 6 hundredths. Remember that a square is equal to 1.
- **STEP 2** Combine the hundredths and rename.

There are \_\_\_\_\_ hundredths. I will rename hundredths as \_\_\_\_\_\_.

Cross out the hundredths you renamed.

**STEP 3** Combine the tenths and rename.

There are \_\_\_\_\_ tenths. I will rename \_\_\_\_\_tenths as \_\_\_\_\_\_.

Cross out the tenths you renamed.

**STEP 4** Record the value shown by your completed quick picture.

So,  $3 \times 0.46 =$  \_\_\_\_\_.



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Explain how renaming decimals is like renaming whole numbers.