

Calculator Confusion

Tricky Situations

Can you solve these with your calculator?

- 1) $\$8.76 - \$2.14 = ?$
- 2) $\$2.37 + \$5.13 = ?$
- 3) $45\text{¢} + 73\text{¢} = ?$
- 4) Subtract 18 from 25
- 5) $20 \div 8 = ?$



Tricky Situation Hints

1. **Displaying Money Answers** – The calculator doesn't have a key for the dollar or cent sign, but you still need to write these symbols in your answers when you record them.
Ex: $8.76 - 2.14 = 6.62$ or $\$6.62$
2. **Zeroes in Money** - The calculator won't display any zeros to the far right of the decimal point, but money answers are generally written by displaying two places after the decimal point.
Ex: $7.5 = \$7.50$
3. **Adding Dollars and Cents** – Since calculators don't use the cent sign, we have to use decimal place value to enter cent amounts.
Ex: $45\text{¢} + 73\text{¢} \rightarrow 0.45 + 0.73 = 1.18 = \1.18
4. **Subtraction** – Be sure to enter the larger number first! When subtracting one number from another number, enter the larger number and then subtract the smaller number. Ex: $25 - 18 = 7$
5. **Division** – In real life, division problems frequently have remainders or decimal answers. Some calculators don't have a special key for division and you have to use the $\boxed{/}$ key.
Ex: $20 \div 8 = 20 \boxed{/} 8 = 2 \text{ r } 4$ or 2.5 or $2\frac{1}{2}$