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Module 5 Decimal Operations, Exponents, and Powers

## Challenge Problems

Lesson 2 Converting, Comparing, and Ordering

## 5.2

## Set 1

(1)

On a test, Zeo got 23 out of 25 questions correct. Trillian's score on the same test was $80 \%$. Whose score was higher? Explain.
(2) Explain how to order $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}$, and 0.6 from least to greatest.
(3) Name a number that lies between $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{5}$. Explain how you can use decimals and a number line to help you.
4. Explain why a positive number is always greater than a negative number.

## Possible Answers

Set 1

1. Zeo's score is the fraction $\frac{23}{25}$. I model $\frac{23}{25}$ and $80 \%$, shown below. I can see from the models that $\frac{\mathbf{2 3}}{25}$ is greater than $\mathbf{8 0 \%}$. Zeo's score is higher.

2. I used place value. I wrote all the numbers as decimals. $\frac{1}{2}=\frac{5}{10}=0.5$, and $\frac{\mathbf{1}}{4}=\frac{\mathbf{2 5}}{\mathbf{1 0 0}}=\mathbf{0 . 2 5}$. I looked at the ones place for each number. They all equaled zero. In the tenths place, $0.2<0.5$, and $0.5<0.6$. So, the order of the numbers from least to greatest was $0.25,0.5,0.6$, or $\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}, 0.6$.
3. $\frac{1}{4}=\frac{25}{100} \cdot \frac{1}{5}=\frac{2}{10}$ or $\frac{20}{100}$. I put $\frac{25}{100}$ and $\frac{20}{100}$ on a number line and I pick a point between them. One number that lies between $\frac{25}{100}$ and $\frac{20}{100}$ is $\frac{23}{100}$.
$\longleftrightarrow \frac{1}{5}=\frac{20}{100} \quad \frac{23}{100} \quad \frac{1}{4}=\frac{25}{100}$
4. Negative numbers lie to the left of zero on a number line. Positive numbers lie to the right of zero on a number line. So, negative numbers lie to the left of positive numbers. On a number line, the number to the right is greater than the number to the left. So, a positive number is always greater than a negative number.

