

Skill 15

Steps to success

- Place the numbers you are adding together on top of each other.
- Make sure each digit is in the correct column according to its place value.
- Add the top digit to the bottom digit starting with the smallest unit.
- If the answer is over 10 then the number is carried to the next column and placed underneath.

How do we use a written method to add numbers?

To be able to add decimal numbers using the column method.

Line up the decimal points...

$$\begin{array}{r} 3.21 \\ + 4.5 \\ \hline 7.71 \end{array}$$

and just drag that decimal point straight down!

Add as usual!