

Butter fingers

This task is about explaining calculation errors.



Doug was using a calculator to do his maths but he made lots of mistakes. He always got the first number right but got the operation **or** the second number wrong. In each case explain the mistake he made. The first one has been done for you.

Question: $7,123 + 8,641$
Doug's answer: 14 764
Mistake: He added 7641 instead of 8641

a) Question: $89 - -23$
Doug's answer: 66
Mistake:

b) Question: 17×56
Doug's answer: 0.303571428
Mistake:

c) Question: $35 \times 25\%$
Doug's answer: 875
Mistake:

d) Question: $7.25 + 5.602$
Doug's answer: 12.87
Mistake: