

# 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:  $17 \times 56$   
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: