

Explain: How important is a decimal place?

Name _____ Period _____

Date _____

Use your experiment and data to answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Which part of a circle were you calculating (which formula did you use)?

2. What was your calculated value when the real pi was used in trial one?

3. What happened to this value when pi was rounded to 3?

4. What happened to this value when pi was approximated to 3.2?

5. Did you see significant differences in the calculations when pi was rounded? Explain.

6. Pi is commonly rounded to 3.14. Does this significantly affect the calculations? Use examples to answer this question.

7. When do you think it is ok to round pi? How much should pi be rounded? Explain your answer with supporting information.
