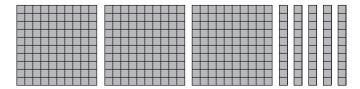
## **Subtracting Decimals**

Mr. Montoya bought 3.5 lb of ground beef. He used 2.38 lb to make hamburgers. How much ground beef does he have left?

**Step 1:** Write the numbers, lining up the decimal points. Include the zeros to show place value.

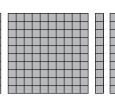


You can use decimal squares to represent this subtraction problem.

**Step 2:** Subtract the hundredths. Regroup if you need to.





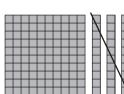




**Step 3:** Subtract the tenths and the ones. Remember to write the decimal point in your answer.







Mr. Montoya has 1.12 lb of ground beef left over.

Subtract.

## **Subtracting Decimals**

Subtract.

**7.** Kelly subtracted 2.3 from 20 and got 17.7. Explain why this answer is reasonable.

At a local swim meet, the second-place swimmer of the 100-m freestyle had a time of 9.33 sec. The first-place swimmer's time was 1.32 sec faster than the second-place swimmer. The third-place time was 13.65 sec.

- **8.** What was the time for the first-place swimmer?
- 9. What was the difference in time between the second- and third-place swimmers?
- **10.** Miami's annual precipitation in 2000 was 61.05 in. Albany's was 46.92 in. How much greater was Miami's precipitation than Albany's?

**A** 107.97 in.

**B** 54.31 in.

**C** 14.93 in.

**D** 14.13 in.

**11. Writing to Explain** Explain how to subtract 7.6 from 20.39.