

PLACE VALUE

The value of a digit depends on its position in a number.

Example

In 56

The value of 5 is fifty as shown below

$$56 = 50 + 6 = 5 \text{ tens} + 6 \text{ ones}$$

In a place value chart, we write 56 as

Tens	ones
5	6

Also

$$78 = 70 + 8 = 7 \text{ tens} + 8 \text{ ones}$$

In a place value chart, we write 78 as

Tens	ones
7	8

Now let us consider three digits

$147 = 100 + 40 + 7 = 1 \text{ hundreds} + 4 \text{ tens} + 7 \text{ ones}$

In the place value chart we have

Hundreds	Tens	ones
1	4	7

Now try this by representing it on the place value chart.

$264 = 200 + 60 + 4 = 2 \text{ hundreds} + 6 \text{ tens} + 4 \text{ ones}$

Hundreds	Tens	ones

Now let us consider the **place** of a number and **its value** correctly.

56:

What is the place of the 5?

Tens	ones
5	6

Remember $56 = 50 + 6 = 5 \text{ tens} + 6 \text{ ones}$

So the place of the 5 is **tens**

Its value is **5 tens = 50**

Example 2.

What is the place and place value of 4 in the number 84?

$$84 = 80 + 4 = 8\text{tens} + 4\text{ ones}$$

Also in the place value chart

Tens	ones
8	4

The place of the 4 is **ones**

The place value of 4 is **4**.

Question

In 267

- a) What is the place of 2?
- b) What is the place value of 2?

From our place value chart

Hundreds	Tens	ones
2	6	7

The answers

- a) The place of 2 is **hundreds**.
- b) The place value of 2 is = 2 hundreds = 200

Question

- a) What is the place value of 7 in 678?
- b) What is its place?

Answers

Using the place value chart

Hundreds	Tens	Ones
6	7	8

- a) Place value of 7 = 7 **tens** = 70
- b) Place of 7 is **tens**.