Dividing Decimals by 10, 100, and 1,000

When you divide decimals by 10, 100, and 1,000, you can move the decimal to the left. The zeros are used as place holders.

 $2.5 \div 10 = 0.25$ (the decimal is moved one place to the left)

 $2.5 \div 100 = 0.025$ (the decimal is moved two places to the left)

 $2.5 \div 1,000 = 0.0025$ (the decimal is moved three places to the left)