Representing Decimals on Number Line

To represent decimal on number line we have to follow some basic rules:

Step 1: Draw a number line and mark the whole numbers 0,1,2,3, etc, on it.

Step 2: Divide the portion between the whole numbers into equal 2 parts or 3 parts or 4 parts or any other parts as per requirement.

Let us understand with some examples:

Example: Represent the following decimals on the number line.

(i) 0.5

(ii) 1.8

Solution: (i) We know that 0.5 is more than zero but less than 1.

There are 5 tenths in 0.5. Divide the unit length between 0 and 1 into 10 equal parts and take 5 parts as shown in figure at A.



Thus, point A shows 0.5.

Solution: (ii) The decimal 1.8 has 1 as whole number and 8 tenths. Therefore, the point lies between 1 and 2. Divide the unit length between 1 and 2 into 10 equal parts and take 8 parts as shown in the figure at B.



Thus, point B shows 1.8.