

Keep on halving

Put the number 16 in your calculator display. Divide it by 2. Divide that answer by 2. Divide by 2 again. Go on until a decimal point appears in the display, like this. Now try another starting number. Which numbers quickly get you to a decimal point? 7 8 9 Which numbers let you do lots of dividing first? 5 6 4 2 3 1 0