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In Lessons 3 through 9, students learn to multiply multi-digit whole numbers by using the area model (as shown in the Sample Problem below).

You can expect to see homework that asks your child to do the following:

- Change an expression written in word form to one written in number form, and vice versa. For example, the sum of 3 sixteens and 2 nines can be written as $(3 \times 16)+(2 \times 9)$.
- Solve multi-digit multiplication problems by using mental math. For example, consider the problem $19 \times 15$.

Think: 20 fifteens - 1 fifteen
$=(20 \times 15)-(1 \times 15)$
$=300-15$
$=285$

- Estimate and solve problems, including word problems, that involve multi-digit whole number multiplication.

SAMPLE PROBLEM

Draw an area model. Then solve by using the standard algorithm.
$2,431 \times 106=\mathbf{2 5 7 , 6 8 6}$


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14,586+243,100=257,686
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## HOW YOU CAN HELP AT HOME

- Quiz your child on the difference between a sum and a product. Try to do simple mental math together involving both sums and products. For example, tell your child, "Think of the product of 2 and 3." (The answer is 6.) "Now think of the product of 3 and 4." (The answer is 12.) "What's the sum of those two products, 6 and 12?" (The answer is 18.)
- Practice using partial products while doing multiplication. This can be a two-person activity with you and your child. Use easier three-digit numbers. For example, try $300 \times 120$. Tell your child, "You figure out $300 \times 100$, and I'll figure out $300 \times 20$. Then we can add those two numbers together to get the result." $(300 \times 100=30,000 ; 300 \times 20=6,000 ; 30,000+6,000=36,000)$


## TERMS

Product: The number resulting from the multiplication of two or more numbers. For example, in $4 \times 0.2=0.8$, the number 0.8 is the product.

Standard algorithm: A standard step-by-step procedure to solve a particular type of problem. For example, the process of multiplying vertically with regrouping is a standard algorithm.

## MODELS

## Area Model

$2,431 \times 106=257,686$

|  | 2,000 | 400 | 30 | 1 | 14,586 |
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| 6 | 12, 000 | 2,400 | 180 | 6 |  |
| 100 | 200, 000 | 40, 000 | 3, 000 | 100 | 243, 100 |

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