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## ANSWER KEY

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$$\begin{array}{r} 12.3 \\ + 18.0 \\ \hline 30.3 \end{array}$$

Explain the error.

This problem was not lined up correctly when it was written. The number 18 should be below the number 12. (The 8 goes below the 2.) You may also change the number 18 to 18.0 so you have the same number of digits in each number.

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$$\begin{array}{r} 32.1 \\ + 4.6 \\ \hline 36.7 \end{array}$$

Explain the error.

You do not need to regroup when you solve this problem. The person who solved this carried a 1 into the tens place of this problem.