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ANSWER KEY

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$$\begin{array}{r} 17.06 \\ + 2.60 \\ \hline 19.66 \end{array}$$

Explain the error.

When this problem was written, the digits were not lined up correctly. The decimal points should line up in the same column. The 6 in 2.6 should be below the 0 in 17.06. The 2 in 2.6 should be below the 7 in 17.06. You may also want to add a zero after the 6 in 2.6.

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$$\begin{array}{r} 3.08 \\ + 2.93 \\ \hline 6.01 \end{array}$$

Explain the error.

The person who solved this problem forgot to place a decimal point in the answer. The decimal point should be between the 6 and the 0.