

Types of Mistakes

Silly Mistake

- ∞ I wrote the wrong numbers or math problem
- ∞ I did not listen or follow the directions correctly
- ∞ My work was too messy to read or understand
- ∞ I did not line up my digits, commas, or decimal points

Fix

- ✓ Stay focused and on task
- ✓ Double check the numbers/problems
- ✓ Read the directions again
- ✓ Redo my work NEATLY
- ✓ Check my problems and make sure everything is lined up

Math Mistake

- ∞ I did not add (+), subtract (-), multiply (x), or divide (÷) correctly

Fix

- ✓ Use the inverse operation to check work (+/-) (x/÷)
- ✓ Redo the problem to double check
- ✓ Check against a partner
- ✓ Show my thinking with my work
- ✓ Slow down
- ✓ Memorize multiplication facts

Process Mistake

- ∞ I did not follow the math rules or properties
- ∞ I did not complete all the steps or do them in order
- ∞ I did not show my thinking for each step (proof)
- ∞ I only did one step of a multi-step problem

Fix

- ✓ Redo the problem and all steps
- ✓ Follow & memorize the rules/steps/process again
- ✓ Show my thinking by showing my work for each step
- ✓ Practice these types of problems and check my answers

"I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work."

Thomas A. Edison

