

# HOW TO READ STOCK TABLES

**Yld%:**  
The yield, or rate of return, on a stockholder's investment. It is figured by dividing the annual dividend by the current price of the stock.

**Sales 100s:**  
The total amount of stock traded during the previous day. This example shows that 1,558,400 shares of this stock changed hands.

**High:**  
The highest price paid for the stock during the previous day.

**Last:**  
The last price paid for the stock at the end of the previous day.

**52-Week  
High**

**Low**

**Stock**

**Div**

**Yld  
%**

**P/E**

**Sales  
100s**

**High**

**Low**

**Last**

**Chg**

|       |       |          |      |     |    |       |       |       |       |       |
|-------|-------|----------|------|-----|----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 63.88 | 35.31 | XYZ Comm | 1.76 | 3.9 | 15 | 15584 | 45.73 | 42.20 | 44.58 | -0.07 |
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**52-week high and low:**

The highest and lowest prices paid for the stock during the past year.

**Stock:**

The name of the company. Every stock traded on a securities market also has a symbol. Some newspapers list an abbreviation of the company's name instead of the symbol. Many financial websites let you type in the stock symbol or the company's name to find out its symbol.

**Div:**

Short for dividend. A dividend is when a public company decides to pay a portion of its profits to stockholders. For each share of stock owned, a shareholder should receive \$1.76 from the company's annual profits.

**P/E:**

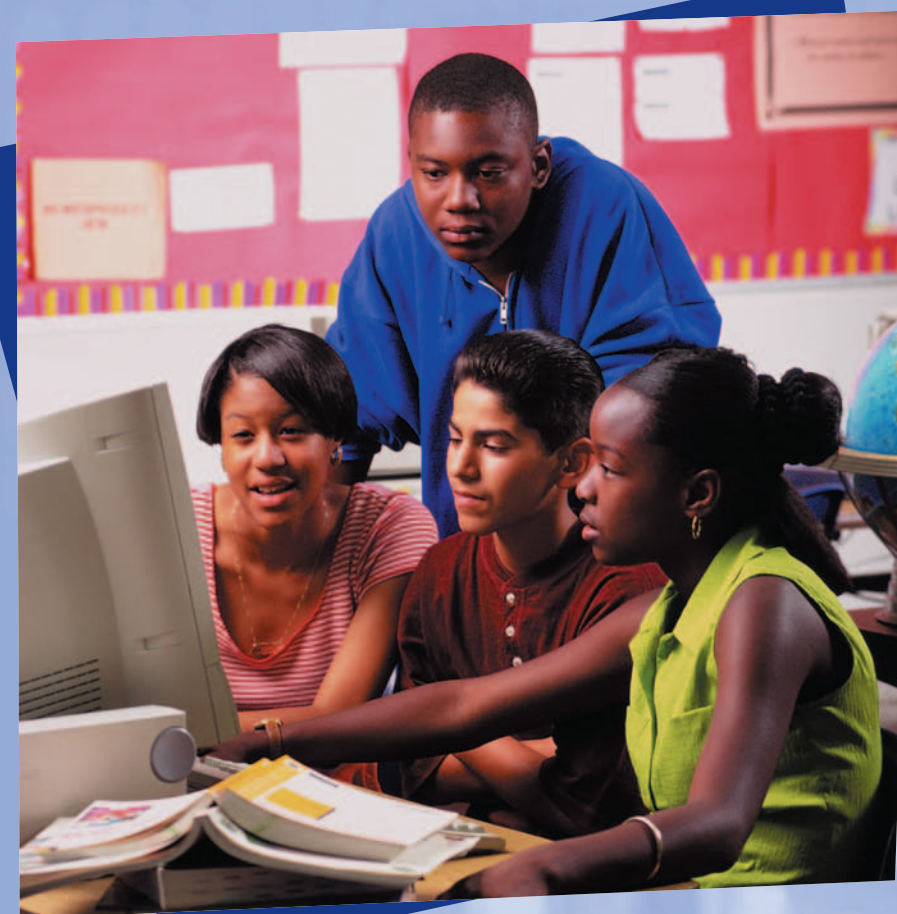
Short for price/earnings ratio. The price of a share of stock divided by the company's earnings per share for the last year.

**Low:**

The lowest price paid for the stock during the previous day.

**Change:**

The difference between the last trade and the previous day's price.



In 2001, the NYSE became the first U.S. market to become fully decimalized, trading in dollars and cents instead of fractions.

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