



# FRACTIONS

## KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER

Year 6



### Overview

**Fractions** we learn:



- Equivalent Fractions and Simplifying
- Compare and Order
- Equivalent Fractions on a Number Line
- Add Mixed Numbers
- Add and Subtract Simple Fractions
- Subtract Mixed Numbers
- Fraction of Amount
- Add Mixed Numbers
- Subtract Mixed Numbers
- Multiply Fractions by Integer
- Divide Fractions by Integer
- Multi-Step Problems

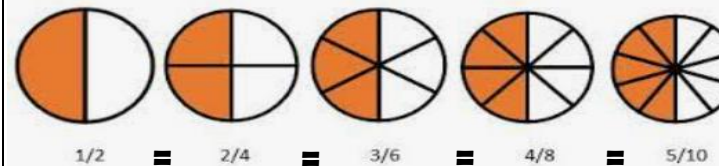
This learning is important because...

it helps us to understand the parts that can make up a whole amount. This is needed in lots of areas of life (e.g. sharing, cooking, making). Fractions are the building blocks of other learning in maths.

### Equivalent Fractions, Simplifying and Ordering Fractions

#### Equivalent Fractions

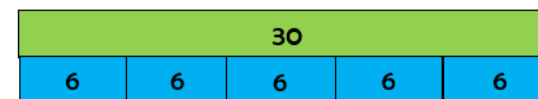
-Equivalent fractions have different numerators and denominators, but have the same value, e.g.  $1/2 = 2/4$ .



To find equivalent fractions, multiply or divide the numerator and denominator by the same number.

#### Fractions of Quantities

To find the fraction of a number, divide by the denominator and multiply by the numerator.



e.g. for  $1/6$  of 30, calculation is  $30 \div 6 = 5$

for  $4/6$  of 30, calculation is  $30 \div 6 = 5$ .  $5 \times 4 = 20$

#### Simplifying Fractions

Look for the common factors. 2 is a factor of both 4 and 10. We can divide both the numerator and denominator by 2 to simplify.

$$\frac{4}{10} \div 2 = \frac{2}{5}$$

#### Ordering Fractions

Find the common multiple.

$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{4}{5}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{7}{10}$
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$$\begin{array}{l} \times 5 \quad \frac{15}{20} \\ \times 4 \quad \frac{16}{20} \\ \times 10 \quad \frac{10}{20} \\ \times 2 \quad \frac{14}{20} \end{array}$$

20 is a multiple of all denominators. Make common denominators and then order.

$$\frac{1}{2} \quad \frac{7}{10} \quad \frac{3}{4} \quad \frac{4}{5}$$

### Mixed Numbers and Improper Fractions

Mixed numbers include a whole number and a fraction.

Whole number  $\rightarrow$   $3 \frac{4}{5}$   $\leftarrow$  Fraction

Improper Fractions have a numerator that is greater than or equal to the denominator.

Numerator is greater than...  $\frac{13}{5}$   $\leftarrow$  The denominator

To convert mixed numbers to improper fractions...

$$2 \frac{1}{4} \rightarrow \frac{2 \times 4}{4} + \frac{1}{4} \rightarrow \frac{8}{4} + \frac{1}{4} \rightarrow \frac{9}{4}$$

1. Multiply the whole number by the denominator.
2. Add the fractions together!

To convert improper fractions to mixed numbers...

$$\frac{5}{3} = 5 \div 3 = 1 \text{ R}2$$

$$1 \frac{2}{3}$$

1. Divide the numerator by the denominator.

2. The quotient shows the whole number and the fraction.

#### Adding Mixed Numbers

-Convert the mixed number to improper fraction, then make the denominators the same. Add the fractions and then convert back to mixed number.

$$1 \frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{3} = \frac{5}{3} + \frac{2}{3} = \frac{7}{3} = 2 \frac{1}{3}$$

#### Subtracting Two Mixed Numbers

$$\begin{array}{l} 9 \frac{1}{2} - 5 \frac{1}{4} \\ = \frac{19}{2} - \frac{21}{4} \\ = \frac{19 \times 2}{2 \times 2} - \frac{21}{4} \\ = \frac{38}{4} - \frac{21}{4} \\ = \frac{17}{4} = 4 \frac{1}{4} \end{array}$$

Change to improper fractions  
Change to common denominator  
Subtract the numerators  
Change to mixed numbers

### Four Operations and Proper Fractions

#### Adding Proper Fractions

-With same denominators, simply add numerators.  
-If different denominators, find the common denominator first. Simplify if possible.

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Step 1} \quad \frac{3}{7} + \frac{2}{5} \\ \text{Step 2} \quad \frac{3}{7} = \frac{15}{35} \\ \text{Step 3} \quad \frac{2}{5} = \frac{14}{35} \\ \text{Step 4} \quad \frac{15}{35} + \frac{14}{35} = \frac{29}{35} \end{array}$$

#### Subtracting Proper Fractions

-With same denominators, subtract numerators. If different denominators, find the common denominator first. Simplify if possible.

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Step 1} \quad \frac{7}{8} - \frac{1}{3} \\ \text{Step 2} \quad \frac{7}{8} = \frac{21}{24} \\ \text{Step 3} \quad \frac{1}{3} = \frac{8}{24} \\ \text{Step 4} \quad \frac{21}{24} - \frac{8}{24} = \frac{13}{24} \end{array}$$

#### Multiplying Proper Fractions

Step 1

$$\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{2}{5} = \frac{4}{15}$$

numerator x numerator

$$\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{2}{5} = \frac{4}{15}$$

denominator x denominator

#### Dividing Fractions by Whole Numbers

-Divide the numerator by the whole number and the denominator stays the same.

$$\frac{2}{3} \div 2 = \frac{2}{3} \div \frac{2}{1} = \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{3}$$

### Key Vocabulary

Proper Fraction    Improper Fraction    Highest Common Multiple    Lowest Common Multiple    Common Numerator    Common Denominator    Decimal Equivalent    Mixed Number    Factor