

1.2.1 Fractions

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KEY WORDS improper fraction

<!-- Session 2 native-skill companion -->

Objective

Practise fractions within the labelled native lessons. Public original tasks; locally authored answer guidance.

1 Key knowledge and worked examples

■ Exact fractions and mixed-number operations · Foundation

Convert mixed numbers to improper fractions. Add or subtract using a common denominator; multiply numerators and denominators; divide by a nonzero fraction by multiplying its reciprocal. Cancel common factors, not added terms. These rules also apply to negative fractions.

$$\frac{3}{4} \div \frac{5}{8} = \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{8}{5} = \frac{6}{5}$$

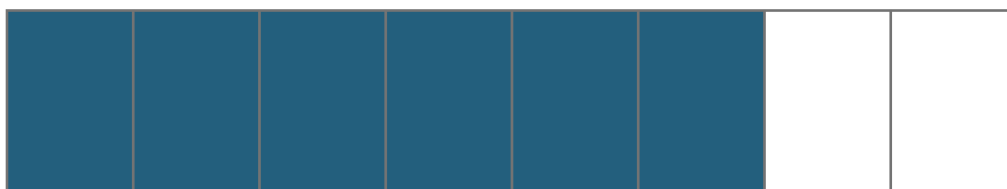
$1\frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{4} = \frac{6}{4} - \frac{3}{4} = \frac{3}{4}$. Also $(-2/3) \times (9/4) = -18/12 = -3/2$ and $(3/4) \div (5/8) = (3/4) \times (8/5) = 6/5$. A common denominator gives $5/6 + 3/4 = 10/12 + 9/12 = 19/12$. Check division by multiplying $6/5$ by $5/8$ to recover $3/4$. Exact multiples of π follow ordinary arithmetic: $3\pi + 2\pi = 5\pi$ and $6\pi/3 = 2\pi$. Leave an answer such as 5π exact when requested; $\pi \approx 3.14$ would introduce approximation. For subtraction, $5/6 - 3/4 = 10/12 - 9/12 = 1/12$; for a negative mixed number, $-1\frac{1}{2}$ means $-(1 + 1/2) = -3/2$.

Adding denominators does not preserve the unit size: $1/2 + 1/3$ is not $2/5$. Cancel only factors of a whole numerator and denominator. A division by zero is undefined.

For a non-calculator question show the common denominator or reciprocal step. Convert $19/12$ to $1\frac{7}{12}$ if a mixed number is requested; round only when the question explicitly needs a decimal.

Six eighths contain $\frac{6}{5}$ groups of five eighths

$$\frac{3}{4} = \frac{6}{8}$$



One group of $\frac{5}{8}$

Original native-lesson illustration; labels belong to its worked example.

2 Practice

2.1 (Foundation) Find $1\frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{4}$.

2.2 (Foundation) Find $(-\frac{2}{3}) \times (\frac{9}{4})$.

2.3 (Foundation) Find $(\frac{3}{4}) \div (\frac{5}{8})$.

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 Decide whether this claim is true. Justify with a concrete calculation or counterexample: To add two fractions, add their numerators and add their denominators.

Solutions

2.1 $6/4 - 3/4 = 3/4 = 0.75$.

2.2 $(-2 \times 9) / (3 \times 4) = -18/12 = -1.5$.

2.3 Multiply by $8/5$: $24/20 = 6/5 = 1.2$.

3.1 False. $1/2 + 1/2 = 1$, while $(1+1)/(2+2) = 1/2$. Use a common denominator and add the adjusted numerators.

Local review guidance: show the chosen method; give the checked result; explain the condition or failed shortcut. This is authored classroom guidance.