

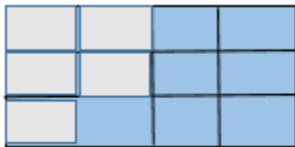
Fraction Review

Working with fractions is one of the most challenging parts of basic arithmetic. Before you begin, you may wish to review topics at the following links:

- Multiplication facts for one-digit numbers ([Multiplication of Whole Numbers](#))
- Least Common Multiples ([Prime Factors and LCM](#))

Understanding Fractions

To work with fractions, you first need to be able to see them in your mind as a way to describe a portion of something. For example, if a cake has been cut into 12 pieces and five of them have been served, then $\frac{5}{12}$ of the cake is gone and $\frac{7}{12}$ of it is left.



For practice with writing and understanding the meaning of fractions and to find equivalent ways for writing the same fraction, start at this link: [Visualize Fractions](#)

Multiplication and Division with Fractions

Imagine six people each have $\frac{1}{3}$ of a pizza. The total amount of pizza is 6 times $\frac{1}{3}$, which is $6 \times \frac{1}{3} = \frac{6}{3} = 2$ whole pizzas:



Use the following links for practice with

- [Multiplying and Dividing Fractions](#)
- [Multiplying and Dividing Mixed Numbers and Complex Fractions](#)

Addition and Subtraction with Fractions

Imagine one person has $\frac{5}{8}$ of a pizza, and another has $\frac{2}{3}$ of a pizza, how can we determine the total amount of pizza they have together?



$$\begin{aligned}\frac{5}{8} + \frac{2}{3} \\ &= \frac{5 \cdot 3}{8 \cdot 3} + \frac{2 \cdot 8}{3 \cdot 8} \\ &= \frac{15}{24} + \frac{16}{24} \\ &= \frac{31}{24}\end{aligned}$$

Use these links for practice with:

- [Adding & Subtracting Fractions with Common Denominators](#)
- [Adding & Subtracting Fractions with Different Denominators](#)
- [Adding & Subtracting Mixed Numbers](#)

Then complete these problems and write the fractions in simplest form.

$$\frac{3}{8} \times \frac{1}{2} =$$

$$\frac{4}{15} \div \frac{2}{5} =$$

$$\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} =$$

$$3\frac{1}{6} - 1\frac{5}{6} =$$

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