

# Lesson 6 - Practice

## Multiply Fractions

To multiply fractions, multiply the numerators and multiply the denominators.

$$\frac{5}{6} \times \frac{3}{5} = \frac{5 \times 3}{6 \times 5} = \frac{15}{30} = \frac{1}{2}$$

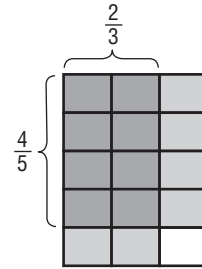
To multiply mixed numbers, rename each mixed number as an improper fraction. Then multiply the fractions.

$$2\frac{2}{3} \times 1\frac{1}{4} = \frac{8}{3} \times \frac{5}{4} = \frac{40}{12} = 3\frac{1}{3}$$

### Example 1

Find  $\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{4}{5}$ . Write in simplest form.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{4}{5} &= \frac{2 \times 4}{3 \times 5} && \leftarrow \text{Multiply the numerators.} \\ &= \frac{8}{15} && \leftarrow \text{Multiply the denominators.} \\ &= \frac{8}{15} && \text{Simplify.} \end{aligned}$$



### Example 2

Find  $\frac{1}{3} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$ . Write in simplest form.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{3} \times 2\frac{1}{2} &= \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{5}{2} && \text{Rename } 2\frac{1}{2} \text{ as an improper fraction, } \frac{5}{2}. \\ &= \frac{1 \times 5}{3 \times 2} && \text{Multiply.} \\ &= \frac{5}{6} && \text{Simplify.} \end{aligned}$$

### Exercises

Multiply. Write in simplest form.

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

2.  $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{7}{8}$

3.  $-\frac{1}{3} \times \frac{3}{5}$

4.  $\frac{5}{9} \times 4$

5.  $1\frac{2}{3} \times \left(-\frac{3}{5}\right)$

6.  $3\frac{3}{4} \times 1\frac{1}{6}$

7.  $\frac{3}{4} \times 1\frac{2}{3}$

8.  $-3\frac{1}{3} \times \left(-2\frac{1}{2}\right)$

9.  $4\frac{1}{5} \times \frac{1}{7}$

10.  $\frac{7}{5} \times 8$

11.  $-2\frac{1}{3} \times \frac{4}{6}$

12.  $\frac{1}{8} \times 2\frac{3}{4}$

# Lesson 8 - Practice

## Divide Fractions

To divide by a fraction, multiply by its multiplicative inverse or reciprocal. To divide by a mixed number, rename the mixed number as an improper fraction.

### Example

Find  $3\frac{1}{3} \div \frac{2}{9}$ . Write in simplest form.

$$3\frac{1}{3} \div \frac{2}{9} = \frac{10}{3} \div \frac{2}{9} \quad \text{Rename } 3\frac{1}{3} \text{ as an improper fraction.}$$

$$= \frac{10}{3} \cdot \frac{9}{2} \quad \text{Multiply by the reciprocal of } \frac{2}{9}, \text{ which is } \frac{9}{2}.$$

$$= \frac{\overset{5}{\cancel{10}}}{\underset{1}{\cancel{3}}} \cdot \frac{\overset{3}{\cancel{9}}}{\underset{1}{\cancel{2}}} \quad \text{Divide out common factors.}$$

$$= 15 \quad \text{Multiply.}$$

### Exercises

Divide. Write in simplest form.

1.  $\frac{2}{3} \div \frac{1}{4}$

2.  $\frac{2}{5} \div \frac{5}{6}$

3.  $-\frac{1}{2} \div \frac{1}{5}$

4.  $5 \div \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)$

5.  $\frac{5}{8} \div 10$

6.  $7\frac{1}{3} \div 2$

7.  $\frac{5}{6} \div 3\frac{1}{2}$

8.  $36 \div 1\frac{1}{2}$

9.  $-2\frac{1}{2} \div (-10)$

10.  $5\frac{2}{5} \div 1\frac{4}{5}$

11.  $6\frac{2}{3} \div 3\frac{1}{9}$

12.  $4\frac{1}{4} \div \frac{2}{8}$

13.  $4\frac{6}{7} \div 2\frac{3}{7}$

14.  $12 \div \left(-2\frac{1}{2}\right)$

15.  $4\frac{1}{6} \div 3\frac{1}{6}$