

Lesson 6 Reteach

Multiply Fractions

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

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

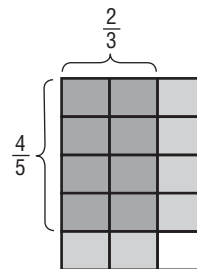
To multiply mixed numbers, rename each mixed number as an improper fraction. Then multiply the fractions.

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

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. $\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{2}{3}$ $\frac{4}{9}$

2. $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{7}{8}$ $\frac{7}{16}$

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

4. $\frac{5}{9} \times 4$ $2\frac{2}{9}$

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

6. $3\frac{3}{4} \times 1\frac{1}{6}$ $4\frac{3}{8}$

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

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

9. $4\frac{1}{5} \times \frac{1}{7}$ $\frac{3}{5}$

10. $\frac{7}{5} \times 8$ $11\frac{1}{5}$

11. $-2\frac{1}{3} \times \frac{4}{6}$ $-1\frac{5}{9}$

12. $\frac{1}{8} \times 2\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{11}{32}$

Lesson 8 Reteach

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

2. $\frac{2}{5} \div \frac{5}{6}$ $\frac{12}{25}$

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

4. $5 \div \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)$ -10

5. $\frac{5}{8} \div 10$ $\frac{1}{16}$

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

7. $\frac{5}{6} \div 3\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{5}{21}$

8. $36 \div 1\frac{1}{2}$ 24

9. $-2\frac{1}{2} \div (-10)$ $\frac{1}{4}$

10. $5\frac{2}{5} \div 1\frac{4}{5}$ 3

11. $6\frac{2}{3} \div 3\frac{1}{9}$ $2\frac{1}{7}$

12. $4\frac{1}{4} \div \frac{2}{8}$ 17

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

14. $12 \div \left(-2\frac{1}{2}\right)$ $-4\frac{4}{5}$

15. $4\frac{1}{6} \div 3\frac{1}{6}$ $1\frac{6}{19}$