

# Study Guide for Unit 4 Lesson 6

## Lesson 6-Fraction Concepts

### Improper Fractions & Mixed Numbers

\*An improper fraction has a numerator greater than its denominator. Sometimes we say the fraction is top heavy.

$$\frac{12}{8}$$

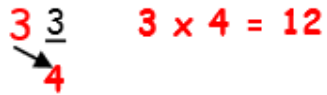
\*A mixed number has a whole number and a fraction.

$$1 \frac{5}{6}$$

## Converting to Mixed Numbers to Improper Fractions

\*Use multiplication to convert a mixed number into an improper fraction.

Step 1: Multiply the whole number by the denominator.

$$3 \frac{3}{4} \quad 3 \times 4 = 12$$


Step 2: Add your answer to the numerator

$$12 + 3 = 15$$

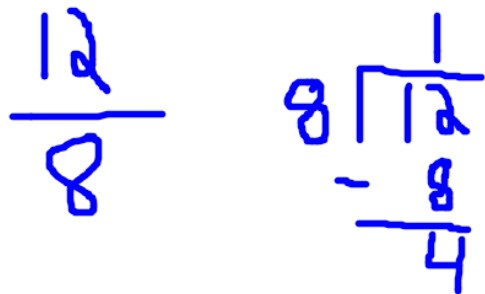
Step 3: Put the new numerator over the old denominator.

$$\frac{15}{4}$$

## Converting Improper Fractions to Mixed Numbers

\*Use division

Step 1: Divide the numerator by the denominator

$$\frac{12}{8} \quad 8 \overline{)12}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ 8 \overline{)12} \\ \underline{-8} \\ 4 \end{array}$$

Step 2: Write the remainder as a fraction (over the denominator)

$$\frac{5}{8}$$

Step 3: Write your answer as a mixed number and simplify if needed.

$$1 \frac{4}{8} \div 4 = 1 \frac{1}{2}$$

## Equivalent Fractions

### How to form equivalent fractions

Step 1: Multiply or divide both the numerator and denominator by the same number.

Step 2: Write the new fraction.

$$\frac{3}{4} = \frac{3 \times 2}{4 \times 2} = \frac{6}{8}$$

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$$\frac{56}{72} = \frac{56 \div 8}{72 \div 8} = \frac{7}{9}$$


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## How to tell if you have equivalent fractions

Step 1: Cross Multiply

Step 2: Compare the two products.

Step 3: If the products are equal, the fractions are equivalent.  
Otherwise they are not.

$$2 \times 10 = 20 \qquad 5 \times 4 = 20$$


$$20 = 20 \text{ so } \frac{2}{5} = \frac{4}{10}$$

## Comparing Fractions

Step 1: Write the two fractions

$$\frac{4}{5} \quad \frac{3}{7}$$

Step 2: Cross multiply

28

15

Step 3: Compare the two numbers

28 is larger than 15, so ....

$$\frac{4}{5} > \frac{3}{7}$$

## Simplifying Fractions

There is one method that uses the GCF.

# SIMPLIFYING FRACTIONS

Divide by the GCF.

$$\frac{25}{75}$$

1. Find the GCF of 25 and 75 by listing factors, using prime factorization or Tic-Tac-Toe.

$$25: 1, 5, 25$$

$$75: 1, 3, 5, 15, 25, 75$$

2. Divide the numerator and denominator by their GCF.

$$\frac{25}{75} \div \frac{25}{25} = \frac{1}{3}$$

There is another method that uses the Cake Method.

1. Take the fraction

$$\frac{24}{36}$$

2. Write it horizontally

$$24 \quad 36$$

3. Put Bars on the numbers

$$\underline{\quad} 24 \quad \underline{\quad} 36$$

4. Start with 2, can they both be divided by 2? In this case yes.  
Do the division

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \quad | \quad 24 \quad 36 \\ \hline 12 \quad 18 \end{array}$$

5. Can they both be divided by 2 again? In this case yes.  
do the division by adding more bars.

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \quad | \quad 24 \quad 36 \\ 2 \quad | \quad 12 \quad 18 \\ \hline 6 \quad 9 \end{array}$$

6. Can they both be divided by 2 again? In this case no.  
move on to 3, can they both be divided by 3? Yes. Add more bars and divide.

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \quad | \quad 24 \quad 36 \\ 2 \quad | \quad 12 \quad 18 \\ 3 \quad | \quad 6 \quad 9 \\ \hline 2 \quad 3 \end{array}$$

*It's called the Cake method because the lines looks like layers of a cake*

7. Can they both be divided by 3 again? no. 4? 5? 6? No.  
Since they can only be divided by 1 we know we are done

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \quad | \quad 24 \quad 36 \\ 2 \quad | \quad 12 \quad 18 \\ 3 \quad | \quad 6 \quad 9 \\ \hline 2 \quad 3 \end{array} = \frac{2}{3}$$

8. Your ANSWER.

$$\frac{24}{36} = \frac{2}{3}$$



Practice:

Section 1: Simplify the fractions:

$$1) \frac{40}{50} = \underline{\quad} \quad 2) \frac{8}{16} = \underline{\quad} \quad 3) \frac{6}{9} = \underline{\quad}$$

Section 2: Are the following fractions equivalent?

A) Choose the correct equivalent fraction in each problem.

$$1) \frac{2}{16} = ? \quad \text{a) } \frac{1}{4} \quad \text{b) } \frac{1}{8} \quad \text{c) } \frac{4}{20} \quad \text{d) } \frac{3}{18}$$

$$2) \frac{1}{3} = ? \quad \text{a) } \frac{3}{15} \quad \text{b) } \frac{2}{14} \quad \text{c) } \frac{8}{24} \quad \text{d) } \frac{5}{10}$$

$$3) \frac{25}{10} = ? \quad \text{a) } \frac{5}{2} \quad \text{b) } \frac{10}{16} \quad \text{c) } \frac{1}{5} \quad \text{d) } \frac{30}{20}$$

Section 3: Compare the fractions:

Write the Correct Comparison Symbol ( >, < or = ) in Each Box

$$1) \frac{2}{9} \quad \square \quad \frac{3}{7} \quad 2) \frac{4}{5} \quad \square \quad \frac{10}{11}$$

Section 4: Converting the fractions:

Converting Improper Fractions to Mixed Numbers

1)  $\frac{11}{2} =$  \_\_\_\_\_      2)  $\frac{31}{5} =$  \_\_\_\_\_      3)  $\frac{25}{10} =$  \_\_\_\_\_

Converting Mixed Numbers to Improper Fractions

1)  $6\frac{3}{10} =$  \_\_\_\_\_      2)  $5\frac{2}{3} =$  \_\_\_\_\_      3)  $7\frac{4}{5} =$  \_\_\_\_\_

## Additional Resources:

<http://interactivesites.weebly.com/fractions.html>

[http://www.aasd.k12.wi.us/staff/boldtkatherine/mathresources3-6/math\\_fractions.htm](http://www.aasd.k12.wi.us/staff/boldtkatherine/mathresources3-6/math_fractions.htm)

<http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/math.htm>

<http://www.math-play.com/math-fractions-games.html>

[https://www.khanacademy.org/math/arithmetic/fractions/Equivalent\\_fractions/v/equivalent-fractions](https://www.khanacademy.org/math/arithmetic/fractions/Equivalent_fractions/v/equivalent-fractions)

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<https://www.khanacademy.org/math/arithmetic/fractions/comparing-fractions/v/comparing-fractions>

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