## What is a Fractions

## Fractions represent parts of a whole number.



The whole is split into 5 parts, so the denominator is 5 . Two are highlighted, so the numerator is $\mathbf{2}$. This diagram represents $\frac{2}{5}$.

| $\frac{4}{5}$ | Numerator Denominator |
| :---: | :---: |
| Equivalent Fractions | These are all equivalent fractions. You can multiply the denominator and numerator by the same number and you will get more equivalent fractions. |
| $\frac{1}{2} \quad \frac{2}{4} \quad \frac{3}{6} \quad \frac{10}{20}$ |  |
| $\frac{1}{3} \quad \frac{2}{6} \quad \frac{5}{15} \quad \frac{20}{60}$ |  |
| $\frac{1}{10} \quad \frac{2}{20} \quad \frac{5}{50} \quad \frac{10}{100}$ |  |

## Simplify Fractions

A fraction can be simplified if there is a number that goes into the numerator and denominator.

3 goes into both 6 and 9, so divide both numbers by 3 .

Mixed Numbers $\Leftrightarrow$ Improper Fractions

## Mixed Number

Here there are 2
wholes and 1
third, so all
together there is
$2 \frac{1}{3}$

## Comparing Fractions

When comparing fractions, make sure they have the same denominator.

Improper Fraction
There are a total of 7 thirds shaded.
So this is $\frac{7}{3}$ as an improper fraction.


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## Multiply Fractions

Multiply the numerators together, and the denominators together.

Example: $\quad \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{5}{7}=\frac{3 \times 5}{4 \times 7}=\frac{15}{28}$

## Divide Fractions

Keep/Change/Flip then Multiply
$\frac{3}{4} \div \frac{5}{7}=\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{7}{5}=\frac{21}{20}$

## Add Fractions

Make the denominators the same then just add numerators.

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\rightarrow \frac{3}{4}+\frac{1}{8}=\frac{6}{8}+\frac{1}{8}=\frac{7}{8}
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Changing $\frac{3}{4}$ to $\frac{6}{8}$ is the easiest way to make the denominators the same.

## Subtract Fractions

Make the denominators the same then just subtract numerators.

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\frac{7}{5}-\frac{2}{4}=\frac{28}{20}-\frac{10}{20}=\frac{18}{20}=\frac{9}{10}
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Times first fraction by 5 and second fraction by 4 to make the denominators the same.

