

learning focus:

- ✓ review concepts of factors and multiples
- ✓ add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions
- ✓ understand and apply fraction operations to real-world situations

FRACTION OPERATIONS UNIT

11 DAY CCSS-ALIGNED UNIT

6th
GRADE



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student materials

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Unit: Fraction Operations
Homework 5

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DIVIDING FRACTIONS I

Use your understanding of division to model the division problems below.

1. $\frac{1}{2} \div 3 =$ _____
When _____ is divided into _____ groups, how large is each group?

2. $3 \div \frac{3}{4} =$ _____

3. $\frac{1}{8} \div 2 =$ _____

4. _____

6. $\frac{3}{4} \div 5 =$ _____

7. _____

scaffolded
concepts

DIVIDING FRACTIONS

- Use the following steps to divide fractions.
 1. Change each mixed number to an _____.
 2. Rewrite the _____ fraction.
 3. Change the division to _____.
 4. Find the _____ of the second fraction.
 5. Multiply.
 6. Simplify.

Practice dividing fractions using the division problems below.

3. $6 \div \frac{3}{4} =$ _____

4. _____

As you divide fractions in real-world situations, guide your thinking and to help you understand the problem.

What is being _____ up?

When _____ is divided into _____ groups, how large is each group?

Practice dividing fractions in the situation below.

6. Kaela works at a pizza place. The tomato sauce for a pizza uses $\frac{3}{5}$ cups of tomato sauce, how many pizzas can she make with 3 cups of tomato sauce?

I KNOW:

PLAN AND WORK:

use of grade
level modeling

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Student Handout 5

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DIVIDING FRACTIONS I

The bar models below represent two different types of division problems.

EXAMPLE A

How many _____ are in 2?

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

1 WHOLE 1 WHOLE

EXAMPLE B

$\frac{3}{4} \div 2 =$ _____

When $\frac{3}{4}$ is divided into _____ groups, how large is each group?

1 WHOLE

$\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{4}$

Use your understanding of division to model the division problems below.

1. $\frac{5}{8} \div 2 =$ _____
When _____ is divided into _____ groups, how large is each group?

2. $2 \div \frac{1}{3} =$ _____
How many _____ are in _____?

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 process with unit overviews

FRACTION OPERATIONS OVERVIEW

STANDARDS

6.NS.1 Interpret and compute quotients of fractions, and solve word problems involving division of fractions by fractions, using visual fraction models and equations to represent the problem.

6.NS.4 Find the greatest common factor of two whole numbers less than or equal to 100 and the least common multiple of two whole numbers less than or equal to 12. Use the distributive property to express a sum of two whole numbers 1-100 with a common factor as a multiple of a sum of two whole numbers with no common factor.

- ✓ key vocabulary
- ✓ vertical alignment

sample
 pacing
 calendar

BIG IDEAS

- Fractions can be used to solve problems.
- Fractions display a part-to-whole relationship.

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

- How is the reciprocal of a fraction related to its denominator and numerator?
- What process can you use to find the least common multiple of two numbers?
- How are the least common multiple and greatest common factor related?

FRACTION OPERATIONS PACING GUIDE

DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5
Factors and Multiples Student Handout 1 Homework 1	Adding and Subtracting Fractions Student Handout 2 Homework 2	Multiplying Fractions Student Handout 3	Fraction Operations I	Patterns and Reciprocals Student Handout 4
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Dividing Fractions I Student Handout 5 Homework 5	Dividing Fractions II Student Handout 6 Homework 6			
DAY 11	NOTES			
Fraction Operations Unit Test Unit Test				

FRACTION OPERATIONS PACING GUIDE

TOPIC	TEACHING TIPS
LCM and GCF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students are typically good at finding the least common multiple. Some like to make large lists, while others are able to count in their head. I would suggest that students always begin with the larger number when finding the LCM. The ladder method, or upside down division, is very handy for finding the GCF. It helps students to organize their work and is more efficient than prime factorization.
Adding and Subtracting Fractions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This topic should be reviewed from fifth grade. Feel free to exclude the lesson or replace it with an activity. Students tend to struggle with the initial step of renaming the fractions. Consider using "Mr. 1" to assist. It helps students to keep their work neat and organized, as well as to understand that you are not actually multiplying by a number; rather, you are just renaming the number. $\frac{2}{3} \frac{1}{2} = \frac{8}{12}$
Multiplying Fractions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use a set of dice to have students practice multiplying fractions. Two students will work together to roll two dice each. The first student rolls two dice: the first forms the numerator, and the second forms the denominator. The second student does the same. Using whiteboards, have students practice multiplying the fractions together.
Dividing Fractions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graham crackers can be messy, but they are excellent for dividing fractions. Have students model the fraction division first from a whole and then from a part. For example, begin with the whole graham cracker and ask them to divide by $\frac{1}{4}$. They then have 4 pieces. Connect this to the algorithm. Then, begin with the $\frac{1}{4}$ and ask them to divide it in half and compare it to the $\frac{1}{8}$.
Dividing Fractions Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students can struggle to determine which operation is taking place within a real-world problem. Consider having them think about the following questions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What is being split? How many times? What is the result?

teaching
 ideas

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unit study guide + assessments

✓ quizzes

✓ editable unit test

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Quiz 1

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QUIZ: FRACTION OPERATIONS I

Answer the questions below. Be sure to show work.

1. A carpenter has two different boards measuring 80 inches and 64 inches. If the carpenter cuts them into equally sized pieces and has no wood left over, what is the greatest length each piece could be?

a. 16 inches
b. 5 inches
c. 12 inches
d. 4 inches

2. Quincy and Roy were asked to list the factors of 12 and then determine the GCF. Which student is correct?

a. Quincy only
b. Roy only
c. Both Quincy and Roy
d. Neither Quincy nor Roy

3. Georgia listed the numbers below as common factors of 12 and 18. Which list is correct?

a. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 12
b. 1, 2, 3, 6
c. 1, 2, 3, 6, 12
d. 1, 2, 3, 6, 12, 18

4. Mr. Anderson is cutting lumber to use for a project. He has a board that is $\frac{8}{4}$ ft long. He cuts it into two pieces. The first piece is $\frac{3}{4}$ ft long. How long is the second piece?

Answers

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Unit: Fraction Operations
Review

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FRACTION OPERATIONS UNIT STUDY GUIDE

Solve each of the problems below. These represent the types of questions on your test. Be sure to ask questions if you need more help with a topic.

I CAN FIND THE GCF AND THE LCM.

1. LCM: 14 and 49	2. LCM: 8 and 10	3. LCM: 10 and 15
4. GCF: 80 and 56	5. GCF: 12 and 18	6. GCF: 15 and 20

I CAN MODEL DIVISION WITH FRACTIONS.

7. $\frac{1}{2} \div 3 =$ _____

When _____ is divided into _____, how large is each group?

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UNIT TWO: ANSWER KEYS

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answer keys included