

Learning focus:

- ✓ add and subtract fractions less than one using models
- ✓ add and subtract fractions less than one with unlike denominators
- ✓ add and subtract mixed numbers with like and unlike denominators in real-world situations

ADDING AND SUBTRACTING FRACTIONS UNIT

14 DAY CCSS-ALIGNED UNIT

A collage of educational materials for a 5th-grade fractions unit. In the foreground, a blue clipboard holds a "Table of Contents" for the "Adding and Subtracting Fractions Unit". The table lists pages, topics, and resources. Surrounding the clipboard are various worksheets, including one titled "Adding Mixed Numbers with Like Denominators" featuring a word problem about pasta dishes and a grid model. Other sheets include "Representing Equivalent Fractions with Models" with a pie chart, and "Unit Review" with fraction problems. Scattered around are colorful fraction tiles for 1/8, 1/6, 1/5, and 1/4. Three colored pens (orange, yellow, green) are at the bottom right.

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SUBTRACTING MIXED NUMBERS WITH LIKE DENOMINATORS

STUDENT HANDOUT

Name _____ Date _____ Pd _____

Similar to adding mixed numbers, when subtracting mixed numbers, you can consider the whole number parts and fraction parts to find the difference. Use the steps to complete the example.


SUBTRACTING MIXED NUMBERS WITH LIKE DENOMINATORS

1. Consider the values of the _____ and regroup the first mixed number if necessary.
2. Subtract _____ values.
3. Subtract _____ amounts.
4. Simplify if needed.

$$4\frac{3}{5} - 3\frac{1}{5}$$

1. Armando needs to solve $2\frac{1}{4} - 1\frac{3}{4}$ and draws an area model to represent $2\frac{1}{4}$ as shown below.

a. Armando subtracts the whole numbers and then tries to subtract the fraction amounts. Can he use the model of $\frac{1}{4}$ to subtract $\frac{3}{4}$? Explain.



b. How could you adjust the model to rewrite the first mixed number in the subtraction?

When subtracting mixed numbers, you may need to regroup the first value before solving described below.

WHEN TO REGROUP MIXED NUMBERS	HOW TO REGROUP MIXED NUMBERS				
<table border="0"><tr><td>SMALLER FRACTION</td><td>LARGER FRACTION</td></tr><tr><td>$2\frac{1}{4}$</td><td>$1\frac{3}{4}$</td></tr></table>	SMALLER FRACTION	LARGER FRACTION	$2\frac{1}{4}$	$1\frac{3}{4}$	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Borrow 1 from the whole number. Rewrite whole as a fraction with the same denominator.2. Add the 1 you borrowed to the fraction. <p>Example: $5\frac{1}{3} =$ _____</p>
SMALLER FRACTION	LARGER FRACTION				
$2\frac{1}{4}$	$1\frac{3}{4}$				

In #1-3, rewrite the subtraction problem by regrouping the first mixed number. Do not solve.

1. $5\frac{1}{8} - 3\frac{5}{8}$	2. $4\frac{2}{9} - 1\frac{5}{9}$	3. $7\frac{2}{5} - 3\frac{3}{5}$
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SUBTRACTING FRACTIONS WITH UNLIKE DENOMINATORS

INDEPENDENT PRACTICE

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Find the difference on each card below. Six of the cards have a solution greater than $\frac{1}{2}$. Unscramble the letters of those six cards to create a secret code.

$2\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{6}$	$1 - \frac{5}{4}$	$4\frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{10}$
$3 - \frac{3}{7}$	$\frac{14}{15} - \frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{11}{12} - \frac{2}{3}$
Tanner put $\frac{8}{9}$ tablespoon of caramel sauce on his ice cream. Dylan used $\frac{1}{3}$ tablespoon less than Tanner. How much caramel sauce did Dylan put on his ice cream?	Ziva walked a total of 2 miles during the first three days of the week. She walked $\frac{2}{5}$ mile on Sunday and $\frac{1}{4}$ mile on Monday. How many miles did she walk on Tuesday?	

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ADDING AND SUBTRACTING FRACTIONS QUIZ

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Answer the questions below. Be sure to show your work.

1. Which of the following equivalence statements are represented by the model shown at the right?

I. $\frac{5}{15} = \frac{1}{3}$ II. $\frac{1}{5} = \frac{5}{15}$

Answers
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____



quizzes



editable unit test

ADDING AND SUBTRACTING FRACTIONS UNIT REVIEW

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Solve each of the problems below. Be sure to ask questions if you need more help with a topic.

I CAN REPRESENT EQUIVALENT FRACTIONS WITH MODELS.

1. Four students drew a model. Circle the names of the two students whose models represent equivalent fractions.

LUCA KENZIE ELIAS

2. Use the given model to complete the equivalence statement.

I CAN COMPARE AND ESTIMATE FRACTIONS WITH MODELS.

3. Circle the name(s) of the student(s) who wrote a correct inequality statement.

JOHN BROOKE RYKER

$\frac{3}{7} < \frac{5}{14}$ $\frac{3}{7} + \frac{1}{3} > \frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{5}{8} > \frac{3}{8}$

I CAN ADD FRACTIONS WITH MODELS.

5. Ryker and Byron shared a basket of French fries. What fraction of the French Fries each person ate altogether?

RYKER _____
 BYRON _____

SUBTRACTING FRACTIONS WITH MODELS STUDENT HANDOUT

Name Answer Key _____
 Date _____ Pd _____

Nadia hosted an appreciation luncheon for the teachers at Riverbend Elementary. After the luncheon, there was $\frac{1}{2}$ of the turtle cheesecake remaining and $\frac{1}{3}$ of the chocolate cheesecake remaining. Use the models shown below to answer a-c.

a. Which flavor has more left over?
Turtle cheesecake

b. Nadia wants to find the difference in the amounts remaining. What changes need to be made to the models before she can subtract the values?
She needs to split the models into the same number of parts.

c. Use the models to find the difference.
 $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{6}$

Similar to addition, fractions must be renamed with a common denominator before subtracting. Follow the steps outlined below to use area models to find a common denominator and visualize the difference of fractions with unlike denominators.

SUBTRACTING FRACTIONS WITH AREA MODELS

1. Create an area model for each fraction.
 (Note: Use vertical lines for one model and horizontal lines for the other.)

2. Divide each fraction model by the other fraction's denominator.

3. Find the equivalent fractions represented and subtract the fraction amounts.

For #1-3, use the area models to rename the fractions with a common denominator and find the difference.

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

2. $\frac{4}{5} - \frac{1}{3}$

3. $\frac{5}{7} - \frac{1}{2}$

$\frac{5}{10} - \frac{4}{10} = \frac{1}{10}$ $\frac{12}{15} - \frac{5}{15} = \frac{7}{15}$ $\frac{10}{14} - \frac{7}{14} = \frac{3}{14}$

answer keys included

