# Fractions and Decimals

One way to convert a decimal to a fraction or mixed number is to read the number.

Look at the decimal 5.75. The right-hand digit is in the hundredths place. Read 5.75 as "five and seventy-five hundredths."

whole  $\longrightarrow$  5  $\frac{75}{100}$   $\longleftarrow$  fraction

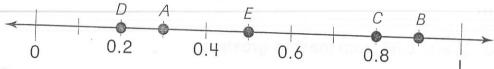
As a mixed number, the whole number is 5. The numerator is 75. The denominator is 100.

Write the fraction in simplest form using the greatest common factor.

$$5\frac{75}{100} = 5\frac{75 \div 25}{100 \div 25} = 5\frac{3}{4}$$

So,  $5.75 = 5\frac{3}{4}$  in simplest form.

Identify the decimal and the fraction in simplest form for point E.



#### Decimal

Between 0 and 1 there are 10 spaces. So, each space represents 0.1. Point *E* is one space to the right of 0.4. Point *E* is the next tenth, or 0.5.

So, Point E is at  $0.5 = \frac{1}{2}$ .

#### Fraction

Read 0.5 as "five-tenths." Write  $\frac{5}{10}$ . Simplify by dividing the numerator and denominator by the GCF, 5.

$$\frac{5 \div 5}{10 \div 5} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Write as a fraction or mixed number in simplest form.

- 1. 0.48
- **2.** 0.8
- **3.** 0.004
- **4.** 3.6
- **5.** 4.82

Identify a decimal and a fraction or mixed number in simplest form for each point.



- 6. Point A
- 7. Point B
- 8. Point C
- 9. Point D
- **10.** Point *E*

## Compare and Order Fractions and Decimals

You can compare fractions and decimals by rewriting them so all are fractions or decimals.

### Use < or > to compare 0.77 and $\frac{7}{10}$ . Method 1

Write the fraction as a decimal. Then compare the decimals.

$$\frac{7}{10} = 10 \frac{0.7}{7.0} = 0.7$$
$$-\frac{7.0}{0}$$

So, 
$$0.77 > \frac{7}{10}$$

#### Method 2

Write the decimal as a fraction. Rewrite  $\frac{7}{10}$  with a denominator of 100. Then compare the fractions.

$$0.77 = \frac{77}{100}$$

$$0.77 = \frac{77}{100} \qquad \frac{7}{10} = \frac{7 \times 10}{10 \times 10} = \frac{70}{100}$$

So, 
$$\frac{77}{100} > \frac{70}{100}$$
 and  $0.77 > \frac{7}{10}$ .

Order 0.08,  $\frac{1}{20}$ , and 0.06 from least to greatest.

Write each number as a fraction.

$$0.08 = \frac{8}{100}$$

$$\frac{1}{20}=\frac{1}{20}$$

$$0.06 = \frac{6}{100}$$

Compare the fractions.

Compare the fractions with the same denominator.

$$8 > 6$$
  
So,  $\frac{8}{100} > \frac{6}{100}$ .

Compare the fractions with different denominators using common denominators.

$$\frac{1}{20} = \frac{1 \times 5}{20 \times 5} = \frac{5}{100}$$
, 5 < 6, so  $\frac{1}{20} < \frac{6}{100}$ .

So, 
$$\frac{1}{20} < \frac{6}{100} < \frac{8}{100}$$

So, the numbers from least to greatest are  $\frac{1}{20}$ , 0.06, and 0.08.

Compare. Write <, >, or = in each (

**1.** 
$$\frac{4}{11}$$
  $\frac{2}{11}$  **2.**  $\frac{5}{7}$   $\frac{5}{6}$ 

**2.** 
$$\frac{5}{7}$$
  $\bigcirc \frac{5}{6}$ 

**3.** 0.27 0.3 **4.** 0.9 
$$\frac{4}{25}$$

**4.** 0.9 
$$\bigcirc \frac{4}{25}$$

Order from least to greatest.

**5.** 
$$\frac{3}{8}$$
,  $\frac{5}{16}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ 

**6.** 0.7, 0.82, 
$$\frac{4}{5}$$

**7.** 
$$2\frac{1}{6}$$
,  $1\frac{5}{12}$ ,  $2\frac{1}{4}$ 

**7.** 
$$2\frac{1}{6}$$
,  $1\frac{5}{12}$ ,  $2\frac{1}{4}$  **8.** 0.64, 0.6,  $\frac{5}{8}$ , 0.59

## **Multiply Fractions**

To multiply fractions, you can multiply numerators and multiply denominators. Write the product in simplest form.

Find 
$$\frac{3}{10} \times \frac{4}{5}$$
.

Step 1 Multiply numerators. Multiply denominators.

$$\frac{3}{10} \times \frac{4}{5} = \frac{3 \times 4}{10 \times 5} = \frac{12}{50}$$
$$\frac{12}{50} = \frac{12 \div 2}{50 \div 2} = \frac{6}{25}$$

Step 2 Write the product in simplest form.

So, 
$$\frac{3}{10} \times \frac{4}{5} = \frac{6}{25}$$
.

To simplify an expression with fractions, follow the order of operations as you would with whole numbers.

Find 
$$\left(\frac{5}{7} - \frac{3}{14}\right) \times \frac{1}{10}$$
.

Step 1 Perform the operation in parentheses. To subtract, write an equivalent fraction using a common denominator.

> Multiply the numerator and denominator of 5 by 2 to get a common denominator of 14.

Step 2 Multiply numerators. Multiply denominators.

Step 3 Write the product in simplest form. Divide the numerator and the denominator by the GCF.

So, 
$$\left(\frac{5}{7} - \frac{3}{14}\right) \times \frac{1}{10} = \frac{1}{20}$$
.

Find the product. Write the product in simplest form.

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

**2.** 
$$\frac{4}{7} \times \frac{5}{12}$$

3. 
$$\frac{3}{8} \times \frac{2}{9}$$

**4.** 
$$\frac{4}{5} \times \frac{5}{8}$$

Evaluate using the order of operations.

**5.** 
$$\frac{7}{8} - \frac{5}{6} \times \frac{1}{2}$$

**5.** 
$$\frac{7}{8} - \frac{5}{6} \times \frac{1}{2}$$
 **6.**  $\left(\frac{4}{5} + \frac{1}{3}\right) \times \frac{5}{9}$ 

7. 
$$\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{2}{5} + \frac{1}{4}$$

**7.** 
$$\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{2}{5} + \frac{1}{4}$$
 **8.**  $\frac{3}{10} \times \left(\frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{6}\right)$ 

## Simplify Factors

Sometimes you can simplify before you multiply fractions.

Find the product of  $\frac{5}{6} \times \frac{4}{15}$ . Simplify before multiplying.

$$\frac{5\times4}{6\times15}$$

The GCF of 5 and 15 is 5. The GCF of 6 and 4 is 2.

Step 3 Divide.

$$5 \div 5 = 1$$
  
 $15 \div 5 = 3$ 

$$6 \div 2 = 3$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
1 & 2 \\
\cancel{\cancel{5}} \times \cancel{\cancel{4}} \\
\cancel{\cancel{6}} \times \cancel{\cancel{15}}
\end{array}$$

$$\frac{1\times2}{3\times3}=\frac{2}{9}$$

So,  $\frac{5}{6} \times \frac{4}{15} = \frac{2}{9}$ .

Find the product. Simplify before multiplying.

**1.** 
$$\frac{4}{9} \times \frac{3}{14}$$
 **2.**  $\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{2}{5}$ 

**2.** 
$$\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{2}{5}$$

3. 
$$\frac{3}{20} \times \frac{5}{6}$$

4. 
$$\frac{7}{10} \times \frac{4}{5}$$

**5.** 
$$\frac{3}{16} \times \frac{8}{27}$$

**6.** 
$$\frac{1}{8} \times \frac{2}{7}$$



### **Divide Fractions**

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You can multiply by reciprocals to divide fractions.

### Write the reciprocal of $\frac{1}{7}$ .

To find the reciprocal of a number, switch the numerator and the denominator.

$$\frac{1}{7}$$
  $\sqrt{\frac{7}{1}}$ 

Since  $\frac{1}{7} \times \frac{7}{1} = 1$ , the reciprocal of  $\frac{1}{7}$  is  $\frac{7}{1}$ .

Find the quotient of  $\frac{4}{5} \div \frac{1}{4}$ . Write it in simplest form.

Step 1 Find the reciprocal of the second fraction.

Think: 
$$\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{4}{1} = 1$$
.

The reciprocal of  $\frac{1}{4}$  is  $\frac{4}{1}$ .

**Step 2** Write a multiplication problem using the reciprocal 
$$\frac{4}{5} \div \frac{1}{4} = \frac{4}{5} \times \frac{4}{1}$$
 of the second fraction.

Step 3 Multiply.

$$\frac{4}{5} \times \frac{4}{1} = \frac{16}{5}$$

$$\frac{16}{5} = 3\frac{1}{5}$$

So, 
$$\frac{4}{5} \div \frac{1}{4} = 3\frac{1}{5}$$
.

Find the quotient. Write it in simplest form.

$$5 \div \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{3}{2}$$

**2.** 
$$\frac{3}{8} \div \frac{1}{6}$$

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

**4.** 
$$6 \div \frac{2}{3}$$

**5.** 
$$12 \div \frac{3}{4}$$

**6.** 
$$\frac{5}{8} \div \frac{1}{2}$$

7. 
$$\frac{7}{10} \div \frac{2}{5}$$

**8.** 
$$\frac{5}{6} \div \frac{1}{6}$$



To divide mixed numbers, first rewrite the mixed numbers as fractions greater than 1. Then multiply the dividend by the reciprocal of the divisor.

Find the quotient of  $7\frac{1}{2} \div 2\frac{1}{2}$ . Write it in simplest form.

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

$$7\frac{1}{2} \div 2\frac{1}{2} = \frac{15}{2} \div \frac{5}{2}$$

$$=\frac{15}{2}\times\frac{2}{5}$$

$$=\frac{\cancel{15}}{\cancel{2}}\times\cancel{2}^{\cancel{1}}$$

$$=\frac{3}{1}=3$$

Find the quotient. Write it in simplest form.

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

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

3. 
$$8 \div 2\frac{3}{4}$$

**1.** 
$$\frac{3}{4} \div 1\frac{1}{2}$$
 **2.**  $4\frac{1}{2} \div 1\frac{3}{4}$  **3.**  $8 \div 2\frac{3}{4}$  **4.**  $5\frac{5}{8} \div 1\frac{1}{2}$ 

**5.** 
$$2\frac{5}{8} \div \frac{5}{6}$$

**6.** 
$$\frac{4}{7} \div 1\frac{2}{3}$$

7. 
$$4\frac{7}{10} \div \frac{4}{5}$$

**5.** 
$$2\frac{5}{8} \div \frac{5}{6}$$
 **6.**  $4\frac{4}{7} \div 1\frac{2}{3}$  **7.**  $4\frac{7}{10} \div \frac{4}{5}$  **8.**  $4\frac{2}{5} \div \frac{8}{15}$ 

9. 
$$24 \div 2\frac{2}{3}$$

**9.** 
$$24 \div 2\frac{2}{3}$$
 **10.**  $8\frac{3}{4} \div 2\frac{1}{3}$ 

**11.** 
$$3\frac{7}{8} \div 4$$

**11.** 
$$3\frac{7}{8} \div 4$$
 **12.**  $2\frac{5}{8} \div 3\frac{1}{2}$