

## The Primary Stage of Grades (4-5)

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Worksheet(4 )

Class: Grade 5 (C,D,E,F&G)

### Objectives:

Add and subtract fractions with like and unlike denominators .

### Adding and subtracting simple fractions

When fractions have the same denominator it is quite easy to add them together and to subtract them.

For example,

$$\frac{3}{5} + \frac{1}{5} = \frac{3+1}{5} = \frac{4}{5}$$

We can show this calculation in a diagram:



1 ) Find the answer for each number sentence below in the simplest form:

a)  $\frac{3}{8} + \frac{1}{8} =$

b)  $\frac{7}{10} + \frac{2}{10} =$

c)  $\frac{8}{9} - \frac{5}{9} =$

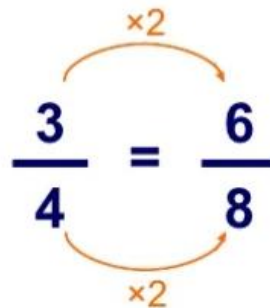
d)  $\frac{10}{13} - \frac{7}{13} =$

We can use **equivalent** fractions to add fractions that do not have the same **denominator**.

For example:

$$\frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{8}$$

We need to change  $\frac{3}{4}$  into an equivalent fraction with a denominator of 8.

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


Now we have:

$$\frac{6}{8} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{7}{8}$$

e)  $\frac{3}{10} + \frac{2}{5} =$

f)  $\frac{1}{3} + \frac{7}{12} =$

g)  $\frac{9}{16} - \frac{1}{8} =$

h)  $\frac{5}{9} - \frac{7}{18} =$

i)  $\frac{9}{4} + \frac{1}{2} =$

j)  $\frac{9}{4} + 2\frac{1}{8} =$

k)  $3\frac{7}{16} - 1\frac{1}{4} =$

l)  $\frac{10}{3} - \frac{15}{12} =$

$$\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4}$$

To add or subtract fractions with different denominators we have to convert them so they have the same or common denominator, a number that they will both divide into evenly.

**Step 1** Work out the multiples for each denominator.

$$\frac{1}{3} \rightarrow 3, 6, 9, 12, 15 \quad \frac{1}{4} \rightarrow 4, 8, 12, 16, 20$$

**Step 2** Then it's easy to see the least or lowest common denominator (multiple). 12

**Step 3** Convert your fraction to its equivalent using the lowest common denominator (multiple). 12

$$\frac{1}{3} \xrightarrow{1 \times 4, 3 \times 4} \frac{4}{12} \quad \frac{1}{4} \xrightarrow{1 \times 3, 4 \times 3} \frac{3}{12} \quad \text{Don't forget to multiply the top AND the bottom}$$

**Step 4** Add your equivalent fractions. You now have the answer.

$$\frac{4}{12} + \frac{3}{12} = \frac{7}{12} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{7}{12}$$

m)  $\frac{3}{5} + \frac{4}{7} =$

n)  $\frac{7}{8} - \frac{5}{6} =$

o)  $4\frac{3}{5} + 5\frac{1}{2} =$

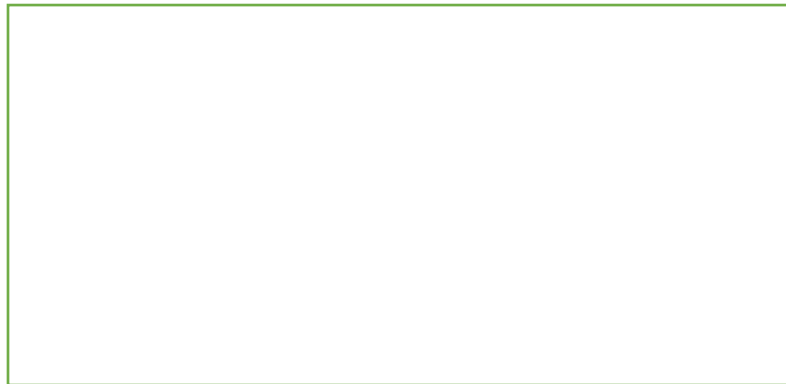
p)  $6\frac{4}{7} - 3\frac{1}{3} =$

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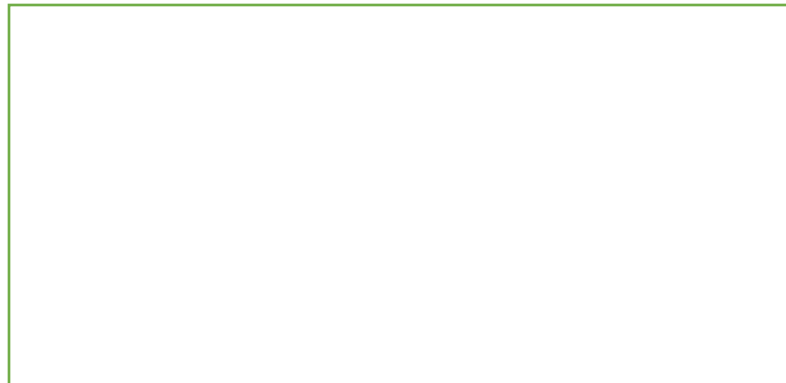
a)  $8\frac{1}{5} - 5\frac{3}{4} =$



b)  $2\frac{1}{8} - \frac{1}{4} =$



c)  $7 - 5\frac{13}{24} =$

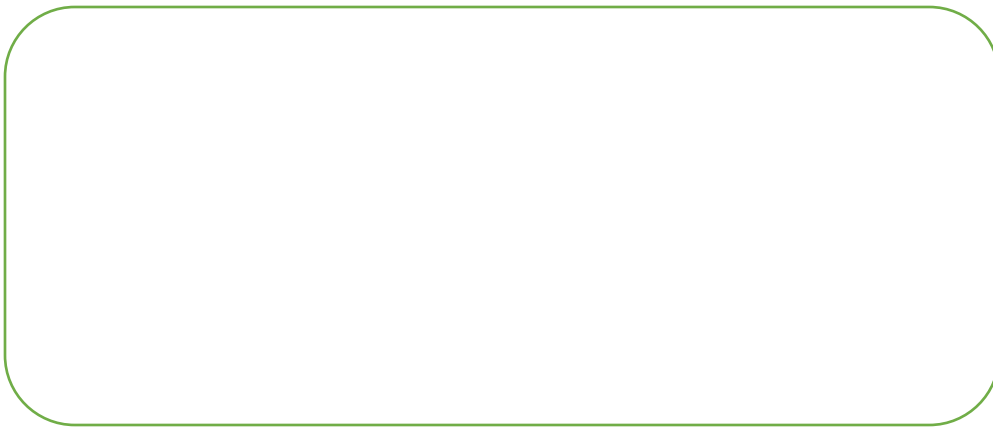


2 ) Ms. Bloom is one of the Grade 5 teachers in the school.

a ) On Friday, many of the students were missing in her class.

$\frac{1}{8}$  of the class went to a basketball tournament and  $\frac{1}{8}$  of the class called in sick.

What fraction of the class was at the school?

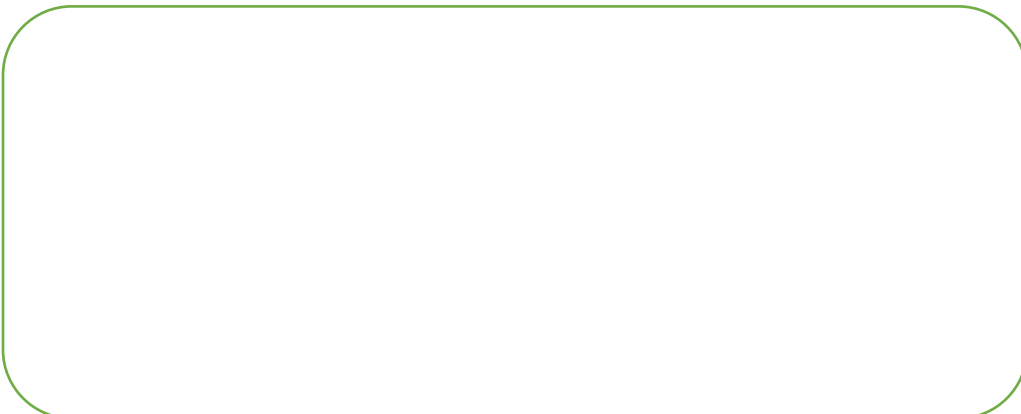


b ) Ms. Bloom has  $\frac{15}{16}$  of a pack of construction papers for the art project at her desk.

Ms. Bloom takes another 2 new packs of construction papers to the class.

The students use  $1\frac{1}{4}$  packs for the art project.

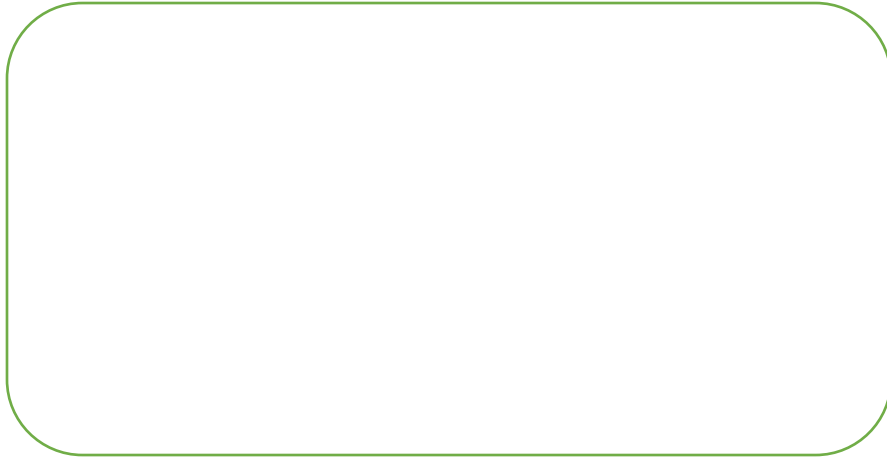
How many packs of construction papers are left?



c ) Ms. Bloom had  $4\frac{7}{12}$  boxes of pencils but  $2\frac{1}{3}$  boxes of the pencils were broken.

After she threw out the broken pencils.

How many boxes of pencils were left?



d ) Ms. Bloom brought 4 packs of treats for Halloween.

She gave away  $2\frac{1}{9}$  packs of treats to her class and gave away

$\frac{2}{3}$  pack of the treats to the other 2 classes that came to her class for trick-or-treating.

How many packs of treats did she have left?

