

# Explainer: Adding fractions with unlike denominators

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Questions to find a common denominator:

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| <p>If neither of those is true, then multiply the two denominators to get a common denominator and multiply both fractions by a fraction that equals 1 to get the common denominator.<br/> <math>(\frac{2}{5} \times \frac{7}{7} = \frac{14}{35}</math> and <math>\frac{3}{7} \times \frac{5}{5} = \frac{15}{35})</math></p> | $\frac{2}{5} + \frac{3}{7} = \frac{14}{35} + \frac{15}{35}$   |

| Process:                      | 1. Convert to fractions with a common denominator | 2. Add the numerators.                      | 3. Reduce or convert to a mixed fraction if needed.        |
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| $\frac{5}{2} + \frac{2}{3} =$ | $\frac{15}{6} + \frac{4}{6} =$                    | $\frac{15}{6} + \frac{4}{6} = \frac{19}{6}$ | $\frac{15}{6} + \frac{4}{6} = \frac{19}{6} = 3\frac{1}{6}$ |



**1**

Angelique made  $1\frac{3}{4}$  of a gallon of fruit punch for a party. Unfortunately, she spilled  $1\frac{3}{5}$  of a gallon when she tripped over her cat, Percy, while she was carrying it to the table. How much fruit punch does Angelique have left?

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**2**

$$1\frac{1}{2} - 1\frac{2}{7} =$$

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**3**

$$1\frac{1}{3} - \frac{2}{5} =$$

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**4**

$$11\frac{1}{2} - 2\frac{1}{4} =$$

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**5**

Martin is keeping track of how far he walks every day. He walked  $\frac{7}{10}$  of a mile before breakfast and then another  $\frac{2}{5}$  of a mile after dinner. How many miles is that in all?

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**6**

$$2\frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{3} =$$

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**Unit: Fractions: Adding & Subtracting Fractions****Lesson: 5.3.K - Adding and Subtracting Positive Rational Numbers: Fractions with Unequal Denominators****Problem Set 1**

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7

$$2\frac{2}{3} - 1\frac{1}{2} =$$

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8

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

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9

Melissa found  $1\frac{1}{8}$  boxes of her favorite cereal in the pantry. Then she found another  $\frac{5}{6}$  of a box in a cabinet. How much of her cereal is that combined?

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10

Julien had  $2\frac{1}{2}$  boxes of cereal on Monday. He wants his cereal to last until Saturday when he can go to the store. By Wednesday he had eaten  $1\frac{1}{12}$  boxes. How much cereal does Julien have left to last the rest of the week?

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11

$$2\frac{3}{7} - 1\frac{2}{3} =$$

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12

$$1\frac{2}{7} - \frac{5}{6} =$$

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**Unit: Fractions: Adding & Subtracting Fractions****Lesson: 5.3.K - Adding and Subtracting Positive Rational Numbers: Fractions with Unequal Denominators****Problem Set 2**

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**13**

$$\frac{5}{6} - \frac{4}{9} =$$

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**14**

$$1\frac{1}{4} - 1\frac{1}{9} =$$

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**15**

$$4\frac{3}{5} + \frac{7}{10} =$$

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**16**

$$7\frac{1}{3} - 1\frac{1}{3} =$$

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**17**

Melissa is walking to her grandmother's house which is  $4\frac{1}{4}$  miles away. So far, she has walked  $1\frac{5}{8}$  of a mile. How much farther does she have to walk?

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**18**

Carlotta the Cavity Queen eats way too much candy! This morning she had  $1\frac{3}{8}$  bags of licorice twists for breakfast and then another  $\frac{4}{9}$  of a bag for a mid-morning snack. How many bags of candy is that in all?

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**19**

$$1\frac{3}{11} + 1\frac{9}{11} =$$

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**20**

Logan Redberry used  $2\frac{7}{8}$  gallons of bug spray on his poison ivy garden yesterday, and then used another  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a gallon of spray today. How many gallons of bug spray is that in all?

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**21**

$$10\frac{1}{2} + 1\frac{3}{8} =$$

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**22**

$$1\frac{2}{5} + \frac{7}{10} =$$

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**23**

$$1\frac{3}{4} + 7\frac{1}{2} =$$

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**24**

Wanda the Witch had  $5\frac{1}{3}$  inches of fresh lizard tail at her store. A customer came in and bought  $1\frac{3}{5}$  inches of it. How much lizard tail does Wanda have left?

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**Unit: Fractions: Adding & Subtracting Fractions****Lesson: 5.3.K - Adding and Subtracting Positive Rational Numbers: Fractions with Unequal Denominators****Problem Set 4**

Questions to ask to find common denominators: (1) Is one denominator a multiple of the other? (2) Do the denominators have a common multiple? If no, then multiply the denominators to find the common denominator.

Process: 1. Convert to fractions with a common denominator. 2. Add or subtract. 3. Convert to mixed fraction if needed.

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| <b>1</b><br>$\frac{35}{20} - \frac{32}{20} = \frac{3}{20}$                   | <b>2</b><br>$\frac{21}{14} - \frac{18}{14} = \frac{3}{14}$                    | <b>3</b><br>$\frac{20}{15} - \frac{6}{15} = \frac{14}{15}$                   | <b>4</b><br>$\frac{46}{4} - \frac{9}{4} = \frac{37}{4} = 9\frac{1}{4}$         | <b>5</b><br>$\frac{7}{10} + \frac{4}{10} = \frac{11}{10} = 1\frac{1}{10}$ | <b>6</b><br>$\frac{15}{6} + \frac{4}{6} = \frac{19}{6} = 3\frac{1}{6}$        |
| <b>7</b><br>$\frac{16}{6} - \frac{9}{6} = \frac{7}{6} = 1\frac{1}{6}$        | <b>8</b><br>$\frac{42}{15} - \frac{20}{15} = \frac{22}{15} = 1\frac{7}{15}$   | <b>9</b><br>$\frac{27}{24} + \frac{20}{24} = \frac{47}{24} = 1\frac{23}{24}$ | <b>10</b><br>$\frac{30}{12} - \frac{13}{12} = \frac{17}{12} = 1\frac{5}{12}$   | <b>11</b><br>$\frac{51}{21} - \frac{35}{21} = \frac{16}{21}$              | <b>12</b><br>$\frac{54}{42} - \frac{35}{42} = \frac{19}{42}$                  |
| <b>13</b><br>$\frac{15}{18} - \frac{8}{18} = \frac{7}{18}$                   | <b>14</b><br>$\frac{45}{36} - \frac{40}{36} = \frac{5}{36}$                   | <b>15</b><br>$\frac{46}{10} + \frac{7}{10} = \frac{53}{10} = 5\frac{3}{10}$  | <b>16</b><br>$\frac{22}{3} - \frac{4}{3} = \frac{18}{3} = 6$                   | <b>17</b><br>$\frac{34}{8} - \frac{13}{8} = \frac{21}{8} = 2\frac{5}{8}$  | <b>18</b><br>$\frac{72}{45} + \frac{20}{45} = \frac{92}{45} = 2\frac{2}{45}$  |
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| <b>25</b><br>$\frac{6}{10} - \frac{5}{10} = \frac{1}{10}$                    | <b>26</b><br>$\frac{35}{21} + \frac{27}{21} = \frac{62}{21} = 2\frac{20}{21}$ | <b>27</b><br>$\frac{15}{9} + \frac{17}{9} = \frac{32}{9} = 3\frac{5}{9}$     | <b>28</b><br>$\frac{154}{35} - \frac{55}{35} = \frac{99}{35} = 2\frac{29}{35}$ | <b>29</b><br>$\frac{17}{10} - \frac{15}{10} = \frac{2}{10} = \frac{1}{5}$ | <b>30</b><br>$\frac{66}{9} - \frac{1}{9} = \frac{65}{9} = 7\frac{2}{9}$       |



# Explainer: Adding fractions with unlike denominators

The first step to adding or subtracting fractions with unlike denominators is to convert the addends to equivalent fractions with a common denominator.

Questions to find a common denominator:

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| <p>Is one of the denominators a multiple of the other? If so, then multiply the smaller by a fraction that equals 1 - For example:<br/> <math>\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{2}{2} = \frac{2}{4}</math> - to get common denominators.</p>  | $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{4} = \frac{2}{4} + \frac{3}{4}$   |
| <p>Do the two denominators have a common multiple? If so multiply both fractions by a fraction that equals 1 to get common denominators. (<math>\frac{3}{6} \times \frac{4}{4} = \frac{12}{24}</math> and <math>\frac{5}{8} \times \frac{3}{3} = \frac{15}{24}</math>)</p>   | $\frac{3}{6} + \frac{5}{8} = \frac{12}{24} + \frac{15}{24}$<br>$\frac{3}{4} + \frac{7}{10} = \frac{15}{20} + \frac{14}{20}$ |
| <p>If neither of those is true, then multiply the two denominators to get a common denominator and multiply both fractions by a fraction that equals 1 to get the common denominator.<br/> <math>(\frac{2}{5} \times \frac{7}{7} = \frac{14}{35}</math> and <math>\frac{3}{7} \times \frac{5}{5} = \frac{15}{35})</math></p> | $\frac{2}{5} + \frac{3}{7} = \frac{14}{35} + \frac{15}{35}$   |

| Process:                      | 1. Convert to fractions with a common denominator | 2. Add the numerators.                      | 3. Reduce or convert to a mixed fraction if needed.        |
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| $\frac{5}{2} + \frac{2}{3} =$ | $\frac{15}{6} + \frac{4}{6} =$                    | $\frac{15}{6} + \frac{4}{6} = \frac{19}{6}$ | $\frac{15}{6} + \frac{4}{6} = \frac{19}{6} = 3\frac{1}{6}$ |



**25**

$$\frac{3}{5} - \frac{1}{2} =$$

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$$1\frac{2}{3} + 1\frac{2}{7} =$$

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**27**

Joe and Jackie are walking to Aunt Sally's House. First, they walked  $1\frac{2}{3}$  miles to the ice cream store, then they walked another  $1\frac{8}{9}$  miles to get to Aunt Sally's house. How many miles did they walk in all?

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**28**

Mr. Ruiz uses lots of paper at his job! When he got to work this morning, he had  $4\frac{2}{5}$  cases of paper and he has already used  $1\frac{4}{7}$  cases this morning. How many cases of paper does he have left?

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$$1\frac{7}{10} - \frac{11}{2} =$$

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$$7\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{9} =$$

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