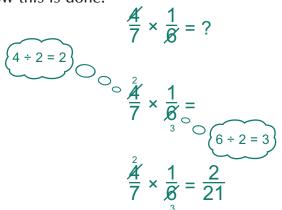


Canceling Before Multiplying Fractions

In the following problem, we multiply, then rewrite the answer in simplest form.

$$\frac{4}{7} \times \frac{1}{6} = \frac{4}{42} = \frac{2}{21}$$

We can save work when multiplying fractions if we cancel first. Canceling is a way to simplify fractions before we multiply. Find one numerator and one denominator that are divisible by the same number. You must always cancel diagonally, never horizontally. See how this is done.



In this problem, 4 and 6 are both divisible by two. Cancel out 4 and 6.

Divide 4 by 2 and divide 6 by 2. Write the quotients in place of the canceled numbers.

Now multiply as usual, using the new numerators and denominators. The answer is already in simplest form. It can't be simplified any further.

Sometimes a diagonal numerator and denominator are the same number. This is the easiest kind of cancellation, because they both cancel to 1.

$$\frac{3}{5 \div 5 = 1} \times \frac{\cancel{5}}{8} = \frac{3}{8}$$

5 and 5 are both divisible by themselves. Cancel both 5's to 1 and multiply as usual. Again, there is no need to simplify the answer. It has already been changed to simplest form.

Sometimes we can cancel both diagonal numerators and denominators.

$$\frac{\cancel{3}}{\cancel{10}} \times \cancel{\cancel{2}} = \frac{1}{5}$$

10 and 2 are both divisible by 2. 3 and 3 both cancel to 1. The answer is in simplest form.

Sometimes we can't cancel at all.

$$\frac{3}{4}\times\frac{3}{8}=\frac{9}{32}$$

3 will not cancel with 8. 4 will not cancel with 3.

The product cannot be simplified, either.

A HELPFUL HINT:

Whether you cancel before you multiply, or simplify the answer after you multiply, you will still get the same correct answer. But if you cancel completely before you multiply, you will not have to simplify your answer.

Cancel once, then multiply.

1. a.
$$\frac{5}{6} \times \frac{1}{15} =$$

b.
$$\frac{8}{9} \times \frac{1}{2} =$$

c.
$$\frac{4}{21} \times \frac{7}{9} =$$

Cancel twice, then multiply.

2. a.
$$\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{3}{4} =$$

b.
$$\frac{9}{14} \times \frac{7}{12} =$$
 c. $\frac{3}{8} \times \frac{2}{9} =$

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

Which is easier? Try both ways.

Multiply first. Then simplify.

3. a.
$$\frac{5}{9} \times \frac{4}{5} =$$

4. a.
$$\frac{9}{10} \times \frac{2}{3} =$$

5. a.
$$\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{2}{9} =$$

Cancel first. Then multiply.

b.
$$\frac{5}{9} \times \frac{4}{5} =$$

b.
$$\frac{9}{10} \times \frac{2}{3} =$$

b.
$$\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{2}{9} =$$

- **6.** Did you get the same answer both ways? _____
- 7. Which way is quicker and easier? ______

We Remember —

Answer the question.

8. In the number 123,987,654,987,357 which number is in the hundred trillions place? _____

Expand this number using multiples of ten.

9. 72,010,612 = _____

Write < or >.

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12. a.
$$49.6 \times 100 =$$
 b. $4.3 \times 1,000 =$ **c.** $1.9 \div 10 =$ **...**

Write each as a three-place decimal.

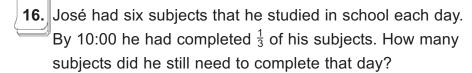
Write the number and decimal.

14. a. Negative twenty-seven ______ **b.** Six and three-thousandths _____



15. The mission school could not hold all the students who wanted to attend, so some of the students came in the morning and some in the afternoon. The morning class contained 35 boys and 25 girls. If a total of 120 students attended each day, how many students attended the afternoon class?

Answer: _____



Answer: _____

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Write the remainder as a fraction.

17. a. 2)\$3.74

93

1.8

46

4 6.6 **d.**
$$+23.7$$

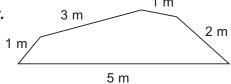
Simplify these expressions.

19. a.
$$16 \div (9 - 5) + 6 \div 3$$

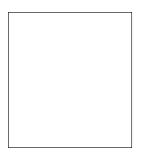
b.
$$31 - 6 \times 5 + 3$$

c.
$$18 \div 3 \div 3 \times 2$$

Find the perimeter.



Copy and solve.



Because of the great height of the Andes Mountains, it is possible to stand in the steamy hot Amazon jungle, and look up at a snowcapped peak far above.

Multiply. Cancel where you can.

22. a.
$$\frac{5}{7} \times \frac{7}{12} =$$

b.
$$\frac{8}{11} \times \frac{7}{8} =$$

c.
$$\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{3}{8} =$$



Mastery Drill 7

Revising Two-Digit Divisor Estimates

So far, when you have estimated your quotients in long division, your estimates have worked. But sometimes you will discover that even if your estimate is a good one, the product will be too large when you multiply the exact numbers. You will not be able to subtract. Then you will need to erase your estimated quotient and try the next smaller number.

Divide: 64 rounds to 60 and 60 goes 8 times into 503. Try 8.

Multiply: $8 \times 64 = 512$

Subtract: 503 – 512 doesn't work.

Try again with 7. Multiply: $7 \times 64 = 448$

Subtract: 503 - 448 = 55

Compare: 55 is less than 64, so the remainder is 55.

Other times the estimate will be too small. You will discover this when you compare. If the remainder is larger than the divisor, you must try a larger estimate.

Divide: 55 rounds to 60 and 60 goes 8 times into 503. Try 8.

Multiply: $8 \times 55 = 440$ Subtract: 503 - 440 = 63

Compare: Is 63 less than the divisor 55?

No! 55 goes into 503 one more time.

Try again with 9.

Multiply: $9 \times 55 = 495$ Subtract: 503 - 495 = 8Compare: Is 8 less than 55?

Yes, the correct remainder is 8.

 \triangle **Solve.** Have your teacher watch you do the first row.

c.
$$57)295$$



Cancel and multiply.

3. a.
$$\frac{5}{7} \times \frac{3}{5} =$$
 b. $\frac{1}{6} \times \frac{6}{10} =$ c. $\frac{5}{16} \times \frac{2}{3} =$ d. $\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{8}{9} =$ ____

b.
$$\frac{1}{6} \times \frac{6}{10} =$$

c.
$$\frac{5}{16} \times \frac{2}{3} =$$

d.
$$\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{8}{9} =$$

Round to the nearest ten thousand.

Write the number and the decimal.

- 5. Four hundred twenty-three trillion, five hundred eighty million, two hundred thirty-six
- **6.** Fifty-six and thirty-five thousandths _____

Write whether the following items are more or less than a gallon.

- 7. Amount of soup you can eat at one meal _____
- 8. Gas tank of your family car _____

The government of Peru has set up craft centers where the highland people can sell woolen sweaters to help make up for the poor farming conditions. Children are very involved in family projects, and can often be seen knitting sweaters while kicking a ball to each other, or while watching sheep.

Follow the directions.

- 9. Draw a 30° angle.
- **10.** Draw a 160° angle.
- **11.** Why are these angles not congruent?

Write = or \neq to tell whether the equations balance.



- **13.** a. 7)4,923 b. 76)6,255
- 246 × 7 3 8

34 14 a - 1½	
3 \frac{3}{4}	

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

c. 58)189

15. The Andean condor is a large vulture weighing up to 11.8 kilograms. The smallest bird is the bee hummingbird from Cuba, weighing only 0.003 kilograms. Find the difference between the weight of an Andean condor and a bee hummingbird.

Answer: _____



Expand this number using multiples of ten.

16. 19,649,702 = _____

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Round to the nearest whole number.

Write mixed numbers as decimal tenths. Write decimals as fractions using $\frac{1}{2}$.

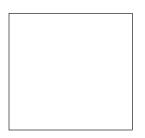
19. a.
$$4^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

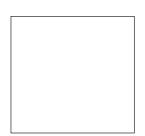
b. 6.50 _____ **c.**
$$8\frac{1}{2}$$

c.
$$8\frac{1}{2}$$

Order from greatest to least.

Add or subtract. Remove zeros to shorten the decimal.





Solve.

23. a.
$$13^2 =$$
 _____ **b.** $10^2 =$ ____ **c.** $14^2 =$ ____ **d.** $7^2 =$ _____

b.
$$10^2$$
 =

c.
$$14^2 =$$

d.
$$7^2 =$$

24. a.
$$\sqrt{64} =$$

b.
$$\sqrt{4} =$$

c.
$$\sqrt{1} =$$

b.
$$\sqrt{4} =$$
 ____ **c.** $\sqrt{1} =$ ____ **d.** $\sqrt{225} =$ ____

Solve.