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Answer Key:

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Activity 1: Real-World Scenario

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3. 15/8

Activity 2: Real-World Scenario

A bookshelf has 5 shelves, and each shelf can hold 3/4 of a box of books. If the bookshelf is currently empty, how many boxes of books can be placed on it in total?

Solution: Since each shelf can hold 3/4 of a box, the total number of boxes that can be placed on the bookshelf is 5 × 3/4 = 15/4 = 3 3/4 boxes.

Section 3: Solving Word Problems

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Answer: 1 3/8 cups

Activity 3: Real-World Scenario

A car travels 250 miles in 5 hours. If the car travels at a constant rate, how many miles will it travel in 3 1/2 hours?

Solution: To find the distance traveled, we need to multiply the rate by the time. The rate is 250 miles / 5 hours = 50 miles per hour. The time is 3 1/2 hours = 7/2 hours. Therefore, the distance traveled is 50 × 7/2 = 175 miles.

Section 4: Measurement

A water tank can hold 1200 liters of water. If 3/4 of the tank is already filled, how many more liters can be added?

Answer: 300 liters

Activity 4: Real-World Scenario

A group of friends want to share some candy equally. If they have 48 pieces of candy and there are 8 friends, how many pieces will each friend get?

Solution: To find the number of pieces each friend will get, we need to divide the total number of pieces by the number of friends. 48 ÷ 8 = 6 pieces per friend.

Section 5: Finance

A bank offers a savings account with an interest rate of 2 1/4% per annum. If you deposit $1000, how much interest will you earn in one year?

Answer: $22.50

Activity 5: Real-World Scenario

A person invests $5000 in a stock that increases in value by 1 1/2% per month. How much will the investment be worth after 6 months?

Solution: To find the value of the investment after 6 months, we need to calculate the interest earned each month and add it to the principal amount. The interest rate is 1 1/2% = 1.5% per month. The principal amount is $5000. The interest earned in the first month is $5000 × 1.5% = $75. The total amount after the first month is $5000 + $75 = $5075. We repeat this process for the remaining 5 months to find the total amount after 6 months.

Section 6: Data Analysis

A survey of 200 people found that 3/4 of them prefer coffee to tea. How many people prefer coffee?

Answer: 150

Activity 6: Real-World Scenario

A company has 250 employees, and 2/5 of them are managers. How many managers does the company have?

Solution: To find the number of managers, we need to multiply the total number of employees by the fraction of managers. 250 × 2/5 = 100 managers.

Conclusion

Congratulations on completing this worksheet on applying fraction operations to real-world scenarios! You have learned how to multiply and divide fractions, and solve word problems that involve fractions in measurement, finance, and data analysis. Remember to apply these skills in your everyday life, and practice regularly to become more confident and proficient in mathematics.

Assessment

Please complete the following assessment to evaluate your understanding of the concepts:

1. Multiply 2/3 and 3/4.
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Extension Activity

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Advanced Concepts

In this section, we will explore advanced concepts related to fraction operations, including mixed numbers, improper fractions, and equivalent ratios. These concepts are crucial in solving complex problems and real-world applications.

Case Study: Mixed Numbers

A bakery sells a total of 3 1/2 dozen cupcakes per day. If they sell a combination of regular and mini cupcakes, and the ratio of regular to mini cupcakes is 2:1, how many of each type of cupcake do they sell per day?

Solution

To solve this problem, we need to convert the mixed number to an improper fraction. 3 1/2 = 7/2. Since the ratio of regular to mini cupcakes is 2:1, we can let the number of regular cupcakes be 2x and the number of mini cupcakes be x. The total number of cupcakes is 7/2 dozen, which is equal to 7/2 × 12 = 42 cupcakes. We can set up the equation 2x + x = 42 and solve for x.

Real-World Applications

Fraction operations have numerous real-world applications, including measurement, finance, and data analysis. In this section, we will explore some examples of how fraction operations are used in real-world scenarios.

Example: Measurement

A carpenter needs to cut a piece of wood that is 3 3/4 feet long. If he has a saw that can cut wood in increments of 1/4 foot, how many cuts will he need to make to get the desired length?

Solution

To solve this problem, we need to convert the mixed number to an improper fraction. 3 3/4 = 15/4. We can then divide the total length by the increment to find the number of cuts: 15/4 ÷ 1/4 = 15.

Word Problems

Word problems are an essential part of applying fraction operations to real-world scenarios. In this section, we will practice solving word problems that involve fraction operations.

Word Problem: Finance

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Solution

To solve this problem, we need to calculate the interest earned each month and add it to the principal amount. The interest rate is 1 1/2% = 1.5% per month. The principal amount is $1000. The interest earned in the first month is $1000 × 1.5% = $15. The total amount after the first month is $1000 + $15 = $1015. We repeat this process for the remaining 5 months to find the total amount after 6 months.

Data Analysis

Fraction operations are used in data analysis to compare and contrast different data sets. In this section, we will explore some examples of how fraction operations are used in data analysis.

Data Analysis: Survey

A survey of 200 people found that 3/4 of them prefer coffee to tea. If 1/2 of the people who prefer coffee also prefer sugar, how many people prefer coffee with sugar?

Solution

To solve this problem, we need to find the number of people who prefer coffee and then find the number of people who prefer coffee with sugar. The number of people who prefer coffee is 3/4 × 200 = 150. The number of people who prefer coffee with sugar is 1/2 × 150 = 75.

Conclusion

In conclusion, fraction operations are an essential part of mathematics and have numerous real-world applications. By mastering fraction operations, you can solve complex problems and make informed decisions in your personal and professional life.

Reflection

Take a moment to reflect on what you have learned in this chapter. How can you apply fraction operations to your everyday life? What challenges did you face while learning fraction operations, and how did you overcome them?

Assessment

It's time to assess your understanding of fraction operations. Complete the following exercises to evaluate your knowledge and skills.

Exercise: Mixed Numbers

Convert the following mixed numbers to improper fractions: 2 1/2, 3 3/4, 4 1/2.

Solution

2 1/2 = 5/2, 3 3/4 = 15/4, 4 1/2 = 9/2.

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