Fractions and Decimals: Core Operations and Real-world Applications

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1. Find the equivalent ratio for the following:
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Research and Presentation

Research a real-world application of fractions and decimals, such as music, architecture, or engineering. Create a short presentation to explain how fractions and decimals are used in the chosen field.

Self-Assessment Opportunities

Review and Check

Review your work and check your answers.

Reflect on Learning

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Self-Assessment Questions

1. What did I learn about fractions and decimals in this assignment?
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Time Management Guidelines

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Kinesthetic Activities

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Different Ability Levels

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Real-world Connections

Everyday Examples

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Practical Problems

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Section 6: Fractions and Decimals in Science

In science, fractions and decimals are used to measure and calculate quantities such as mass, volume, and density. For example, a scientist may need to measure the mass of a substance in grams, which can be expressed as a fraction or decimal. Understanding how to convert between fractions and decimals is crucial in scientific calculations.

Example: Measuring Mass

A scientist needs to measure the mass of a substance in grams. The substance has a mass of 3/4 grams. Convert this to a decimal and calculate the mass in milligrams.

Research Task: Scientific Applications

Research and present on a scientific application of fractions and decimals, such as measuring the density of a substance or calculating the volume of a liquid.

Section 7: Fractions and Decimals in Finance

In finance, fractions and decimals are used to calculate interest rates, investments, and loans. Understanding how to work with fractions and decimals is essential for making informed financial decisions. For example, a bank may offer a loan with an interest rate of 3/4% per annum. To calculate the interest paid over a year, you need to convert the fraction to a decimal and multiply it by the principal amount.

Case Study: Loan Calculation

A person takes out a loan of $10,000 with an interest rate of 3/4% per annum. Calculate the interest paid over a year and the total amount repaid.

Extension: Financial Planning

Create a financial plan for a hypothetical scenario, using fractions and decimals to calculate interest rates, investments, and loans.

Section 8: Review and Assessment

In this section, you will review and assess your understanding of fractions and decimals. You will complete a series of questions and tasks to demonstrate your knowledge and skills.

Practice Questions

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2. Calculate the following: 1/2 + 1/4, 3/4 - 1/6, 2/3 × 3/4
3. Solve the following problems: 2/3 = x/4, 3/4 = x/5, 2/5 = x/3

Research Task: Real-world Applications

Research and present on a real-world application of fractions and decimals, such as measuring the height of a building or calculating the cost of materials.

Section 9: Conclusion and Reflection

In this final section, you will reflect on your learning and understanding of fractions and decimals. You will also have the opportunity to provide feedback and suggestions for future improvements.

Reflection

Reflect on your learning and understanding of fractions and decimals. What did you find challenging? What did you enjoy? What would you like to learn more about in the future?

Feedback and Suggestions

Provide feedback and suggestions for future improvements to this assignment. What did you find helpful? What would you like to see changed or added?

Section 10: Additional Resources

In this section, you will find additional resources to support your learning and understanding of fractions and decimals. These resources include websites, videos, and interactive activities.

Websites

- Khan Academy: Fractions and Decimals
- Math Open Reference: Fractions

Videos

- Crash Course: Fractions and Decimals
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