Introduction to Fractions and Decimals: Understanding Equivalent Ratios and Basic Operations

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Welcome to the world of fractions and decimals! In this worksheet, we will explore the concept of equivalent ratios and basic operations with fractions and decimals. Fractions and decimals are used in many real-world applications, such as cooking, finance, and science. By the end of this worksheet, you will be able to identify and create equivalent fractions, convert between fractions and decimals, and perform basic operations with fractions and decimals.

Understanding Equivalent Ratios

Equivalent ratios are fractions that have the same value, but different numerators and denominators. For example, 1/2, 2/4, and 3/6 are all equivalent ratios.

Exercise 1: Identifying Equivalent Ratios

1. Identify the equivalent ratios for each of the following fractions: 1/2
2. Identify the equivalent ratios for each of the following fractions: 3/4
3. Identify the equivalent ratios for each of the following fractions: 2/3

Converting between Fractions and Decimals

Converting between fractions and decimals is an essential skill in mathematics. To convert a fraction to a decimal, divide the numerator by the denominator.

Exercise 2: Converting Fractions to Decimals

1. Convert each of the following fractions to decimals: 1/2
2. Convert each of the following fractions to decimals: 3/4
3. Convert each of the following fractions to decimals: 2/3

Basic Operations with Fractions and Decimals

Basic operations with fractions and decimals involve adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing.

Exercise 3: Basic Operations with Fractions and Decimals

1. Perform the following operations: 1/2 + 1/4
2. Perform the following operations: 3/4 - 1/4
3. Perform the following operations: 2/3 x 3/4

Real-World Applications

Fractions and decimals are used in many real-world applications, such as cooking, finance, and science.

Exercise 4: Real-World Applications

1. A recipe calls for 3/4 cup of sugar. If you want to make half the recipe, how much sugar will you need?
2. A bank offers a savings account with an interest rate of 2.5%. If you deposit $100, how much interest will you earn in a year?
3. A scientist measures the length of a substance to be 2.5 cm. If the substance is divided into 5 equal parts, what is the length of each part?

Differentiated Activities

For students who need extra support:

Use visual aids, such as fraction walls or circles, to help understand equivalent ratios.

Provide additional practice exercises for converting between fractions and decimals.

For students who need a challenge:

Provide more complex real-world problems that involve fractions and decimals.

Ask students to create their own real-world problems and solutions.

Assessment

Complete the following assessment to check your understanding:

1. What is the equivalent ratio of 2/4?
2. Convert the fraction 3/4 to a decimal.
3. Perform the operation: 1/2 + 1/4

Conclusion

Individual Reflection:

1. What was the most surprising thing you learned today?
2. How will this learning change your actions in the future?
3. What questions do you still have about fractions and decimals?

Additional Practice

Complete the following exercises to reinforce your understanding:

1. Simplify the fraction: 6/8
2. Convert the decimal to a fraction: 0.5
3. Perform the operation: 2/3 x 2/3

Challenge Problems

Complete the following challenge problems to extend your learning:

1. A water tank can hold 3/4 of a liter of water. If 1/4 of the tank is already filled, how much more water can be added?
2. A recipe calls for 2 3/4 cups of flour. If you only have a 1/4 cup measuring cup, how many times will you need to fill the measuring cup to get the required amount of flour?