

**LESSON**  
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# Fraction Operations

## Reading Strategies: Summarize

The following steps are used to solve addition and subtraction equations with fractions.

$$2\frac{1}{3} + m = 5$$

$$2\frac{1}{3} - 2\frac{1}{3} + m = 5 - 2\frac{1}{3} \quad \leftarrow \quad \text{Step 1: Subtract } 2\frac{1}{3} \text{ from both sides of the equation.}$$

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

$$m = 4\frac{3}{3} - 2\frac{1}{3} \quad \leftarrow \quad \text{Step 2: Regroup 5 as } 4\frac{3}{3}$$

$$m = 2\frac{2}{3} \quad \leftarrow \quad \text{Step 3: Subtract fractions. Subtract whole numbers.}$$

**Answer each question.**

1. What is the first step in the example above?

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2. Why was  $2\frac{1}{3}$  subtracted from both sides of the equation?

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3. What is the second step in the example above?

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**Use this equation to answer the following questions:**

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

4. What is the first step to solve the equation?

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5. What is the next step to solve the equation?

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6. Write how you solve equations that involve fractions.

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9.  $f = \frac{4}{9}$

10.  $b = \frac{7}{8}$

7.  $x = 2\frac{3}{4}$

8.  $x = 3\frac{7}{10}$

11.  $t = 2\frac{1}{10}$

12.  $w = 2\frac{1}{12}$

13.  $c = 18\frac{1}{2}$

14.  $h = 1\frac{5}{6}$

15.  $g = 4\frac{5}{6}$

16.  $6\frac{1}{2}$  minutes

17.  $3\frac{5}{6}$  gallons

**Practice B**

1.  $x = 4\frac{13}{16}$

2.  $z = 4\frac{5}{8}$

3.  $n = 8\frac{2}{7}$

4.  $a = 3\frac{5}{22}$

5.  $k = \frac{7}{12}$

6.  $r = \frac{9}{10}$

7.  $q = 13\frac{19}{35}$

8.  $p = 1\frac{3}{5}$

9.  $c = 5\frac{3}{8}$

10.  $c = 1\frac{1}{4}$

11.  $14\frac{2}{3}$  inches

12.  $2\frac{5}{8}$  miles

**Practice C**

1.  $p = 1\frac{1}{15}$

2.  $d = 20\frac{19}{20}$

3.  $x = 15\frac{13}{24}$

4.  $a = 5\frac{23}{44}$

5.  $f = 18\frac{11}{50}$

6.  $c = 3\frac{19}{24}$

7.  $r = 5\frac{1}{10}$

8.  $s = 7\frac{1}{10}$

9.  $3\frac{1}{24}$  feet

10.  $8\frac{1}{4}$  inches

**Review for Mastery**

1.  $3\frac{2}{3}$

2.  $6\frac{3}{4}$

3.  $4\frac{7}{8}$

4.  $2\frac{11}{12}$

5.  $x = 9\frac{1}{4}$

6.  $x = 5$

**Challenge**

1.  $2 \cdot \frac{7}{9} = \frac{14}{9} = 1\frac{5}{9}$

$1\frac{5}{9} + 12 = 13\frac{5}{9}$

$13\frac{5}{9} \div 2 = \frac{122}{18} = 6\frac{14}{18} = 6\frac{7}{9}$

$6\frac{7}{9} - \frac{7}{9} = 6$

2.  $2 \cdot 3\frac{1}{4} = \frac{26}{4} = 6\frac{2}{4} = 6\frac{1}{2}$

$6\frac{1}{2} + 12 = 18\frac{1}{2}$

$18\frac{1}{2} \div 2 = \frac{37}{4} = 9\frac{1}{4}$

$9\frac{1}{4} - 3\frac{1}{4} = 6$

**Problem Solving**

1.  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an hour

2.  $1\frac{3}{4}$  inches

3.  $\frac{1}{3}$  mile more

4.  $\frac{2}{3}$  minute

5. A

6. G

7. A

8. G

**Reading Strategies**1. Subtract  $2\frac{1}{3}$  from both sides of the equation.2. To get  $m$  by itself.3. Regroup 5 as  $4\frac{3}{3}$ .4. Add  $3\frac{2}{3}$  to both sides of the equation.

5. Add fractions and whole numbers.

6. Possible answer: Get the variable on one side of the equation, rename if needed, add or subtract fractions, and add or subtract whole numbers.