

How to add fractions with different denominators: $\frac{2}{9} + \frac{2}{6}$

Find the least common denominator (LCD), or at least a common denominator, of the fractions.	LCD = 18 ($9 \times 2 = 18$ and $6 \times 3 = 18$)
Rename the fractions to have the common denominator.	$\frac{2}{9} = \frac{4}{18}$ and $\frac{2}{6} = \frac{6}{18}$
Add the numerators of the fractions (keeping the same common denom.)	$\frac{4}{18} + \frac{6}{18} = \frac{10}{18}$
Simplify the fraction sum.	$\frac{10}{18} = \frac{5}{9}$

How to add mixed numbers whose fractions have the same denominator:

Example: $3\frac{2}{3} + 5\frac{2}{3}$ When the denominators are different, start by making equivalent fractions with the LCD.

Add the fractional part of the mixed numbers.	$\frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{3} = \frac{4}{3}$
Convert the improper fraction to a mixed number.	$\frac{4}{3} = 1\frac{1}{3}$
Add the integer portions of the mixed numbers.	$3 + 5 = 8$
Add the integer from the sum of the fractions	$8 + 1 = 9$
State the final answer. Simplify if necessary.	$9\frac{1}{3}$

How to multiply fractions Example: $\frac{2}{9} \times \frac{3}{12}$

Multiply the numerators	$2 \times 3 = 6$
Multiply the denominators	$9 \times 12 = 108$
Place the product of the numerators over the product of the denominators	$\frac{6}{108}$
Simplify the Fraction	$\frac{6 \div 6}{108 \div 6} = \frac{1}{18}$

How to divide fractions Example: $\frac{7}{8} \div \frac{2}{3}$

Invert (i.e. turn over) the denominator fraction and multiply the fractions	$\frac{7}{8} \div \frac{2}{3} = \frac{7}{8} \times \frac{3}{2}$
Multiply the numerators of the fractions	$7 \times 3 = 21$
Multiply the denominators of the fractions	$8 \times 2 = 16$
Place the product of the numerators over the product of the denominators	$\frac{21}{16}$
Simplify the Fraction	$1\frac{5}{16}$

How to subtract fractions with different denominators: $\frac{4}{8} - \frac{1}{6}$

Find the Lowest Common Denominator (LCD) of the fractions	LCD = 24 ($8 \times 3 = 24$ and $6 \times 4 = 24$)
Rename the fractions to have the LCD	$\frac{4}{8} = \frac{12}{24}$ and $\frac{1}{6} = \frac{4}{24}$
Subtract the numerators of the fractions. The difference will be the numerator and the LCD will be the denominator of the answer.	$\frac{12}{24} - \frac{4}{24} = \frac{8}{24}$
Simplify the Fraction	$\frac{8}{24} = \frac{1}{3}$

How to subtract mixed numbers whose fractions have the same denominator:

Example: $5\frac{1}{3} - 3\frac{2}{3}$ When the denominators are different, start by making equivalent fractions with the LCD.

If the first numerator is smaller than the second, regroup to make the first numerator larger.	$5\frac{1}{3} = 4\frac{4}{3}$
Subtract the fractional parts of the mixed numbers	$\frac{4}{3} - \frac{2}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$
Subtract the integer portions of the mixed numbers	$4 - 3 = 1$
State the final answer. Then simplify if necessary.	$1\frac{2}{3}$

How to multiply mixed numbers Example: $6\frac{2}{8} \times 3\frac{5}{9}$

Convert each mixed number to an improper fraction.	$\frac{50}{8} \times \frac{32}{9}$
Multiply the two numerators together.	$50 \times 32 = 1600$
Multiply the two denominators together.	$8 \times 9 = 72$
Convert the result to a mixed number.	$\frac{1600}{72} = 22\frac{16}{72}$
Simplify the mixed number.	$22\frac{16}{72} = 22\frac{2}{9}$

How to divide mixed numbers Example: $6\frac{2}{8} \div 3\frac{5}{9}$

Convert each mixed number to an improper fraction.	$\frac{50}{8} \div \frac{32}{9}$
Invert the second improper fraction and multiply.	$\frac{50}{8} \times \frac{9}{32}$
Multiply the two numerators. Multiply the denominators.	$50 \times 9 = 450$
Multiply the two denominators together.	$8 \times 32 = 256$
Convert the result back to a mixed number.	$\frac{450}{256} = 1\frac{194}{256}$
Simplify the mixed number.	$1\frac{97}{128}$