

Get Ready

Working With Decimal Numbers

Use estimation to place the decimal point in the answer.

$$50.1 \times 2.1 = 10521$$

Estimate: $50 \times 2 = 100$

Answer: 105.21

Place the decimal so the answer is close to 100.

1. Use estimation to place the decimal point in the answer.



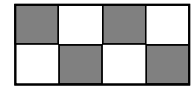
a) $49.8 \div 0.98 = 50816$

b) $2.7 \times 100.9 = 27243$

$50 \div \underline{\hspace{2cm}} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

Understanding Fractions

The shaded part of the diagram shows $\frac{4}{8}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ or 0.5.



Which is larger, $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{3}{8}$? Make the denominators the same to compare fractions.

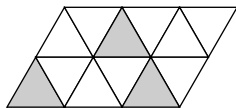
$$\begin{array}{c} \times 4 \\ \curvearrowright \\ \frac{1}{2} = \frac{4}{8} \\ \curvearrowleft \\ \times 4 \end{array}$$

4 > 3

$\frac{4}{8}$ is greater than $\frac{3}{8}$, so $\frac{1}{2} > \frac{3}{8}$.

2. a) Write the fraction for the shaded parts of each diagram.

b) Compare the fractions from part a). Use > or <.



Adding or Subtracting Fractions

To add or subtract fractions, make the denominators the same.

• use diagrams

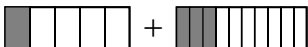
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} & \quad \text{[Diagram: 2x2 grid with 1 shaded]} + \text{[Diagram: 1x4 grid with 1 shaded]} \\ &= \frac{2}{4} + \frac{1}{4} \quad \text{[Diagram: 2x2 grid with 2 shaded]} + \text{[Diagram: 1x4 grid with 1 shaded]} \\ &= \frac{3}{4} \quad \text{[Diagram: 1x4 grid with 3 shaded]} \end{aligned}$$

• use a common denominator

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \\ &= \frac{3}{4} - \frac{2}{4} \quad \text{[Diagram: 1x4 grid with 1 shaded]} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{2}{4}$

3. Solve.

a) 

b) $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{8}$

$\frac{1}{5} + \frac{3}{\boxed{}}$

Multiplying and Dividing Fractions

To multiply fractions, multiply the numerators and the denominators.

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{4} \\ = & \frac{1 \times 3}{2 \times 4} \\ = & \frac{3}{8} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\text{numerator} \times \text{numerator}}{\text{denominator} \times \text{denominator}}$$

To divide fractions,

- find a common denominator and divide the numerators

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{7}{10} \div \frac{2}{5} \\ = & \frac{7}{10} \div \frac{4}{10} && \text{Find a common denominator.} \\ = & \frac{7}{4} && \text{Divide the numerators.} \end{aligned}$$

- multiply by the reciprocal

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{7}{10} \div \frac{2}{5} \\ = & \frac{7}{10} \times \frac{5}{2} && \text{Multiply by the reciprocal.} \\ = & \frac{35}{20} && \frac{\text{Multiply the numerators}}{\text{Multiply the denominators}} \\ = & \frac{7}{4} && \text{Write in lowest terms.} \end{aligned}$$

The reciprocal of $\frac{1}{2}$ is $\frac{2}{1}$.

4. Solve. Write your answer in lowest terms.

a) $\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{1}{3}$

b) $\frac{2}{3} \div \frac{1}{3}$