

MULTIPLYING FRACTIONS - A

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HELPFUL EXAMPLES

A. $\frac{1}{4} \times 12 = \frac{12}{4} = 3$

IF THE NUMERATOR (TOP NUMBER) IS ONE YOU CAN DIVIDE THE WHOLE NUMBER (12) BY THE DENOMINATOR (BOTTOM NUMBER).

B. $\frac{3}{5} \times \frac{3}{4} = \frac{3 \times 3}{5 \times 4} = \frac{9}{20}$

A SIMPLE WAY TO MULTIPLY FRACTIONS IS TO MULTIPLY STRAIGHT ACROSS. MULTIPLY THE TWO NUMERATORS AND DENOMINATORS.

C. $\frac{2}{9} \times 18 = \frac{2 \times 18}{9 \times 1} = \frac{36}{9}$

BEFORE MULTIPLYING STRAIGHT ACROSS YOU NEED TO CHANGE THE 18 INTO A FRACTION. DO YOU SEE HOW WE PUT THE 18 OVER 1? $18 = \frac{18}{1}$.

ON THIS PROBLEM, YOU END UP WITH AN IMPROPER FRACTION. IT NEEDS TO BE SIMPLIFIED.

$$\frac{36}{9} \div 9 = \frac{4}{1} = 4$$

NOW YOUR TURN. USE THE EXAMPLES ABOVE TO HELP SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS.

DON'T FORGET TO SIMPLIFY.

1. $\frac{3}{5} \times \frac{2}{3} = \frac{2}{5}$ 2. $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{7}{8} = \frac{7}{16}$ 3. $\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{6}$

4. $15 \times \frac{1}{3} = 5$ 5. $\frac{2}{5} \times \frac{4}{5} = \frac{8}{25}$ 6. $\frac{2}{3} \times 6 = 4$

7. $\frac{2}{15} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{15}$ 8. $16 \times \frac{2}{9} = 3\frac{5}{9}$ 9. $\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{3}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$

10. $\frac{5}{7} \times \frac{6}{12} = \frac{5}{14}$ 11. $48 \times \frac{1}{8} = 6$ 12. $\frac{7}{12} \times 4 = 2\frac{1}{3}$

13. $\frac{1}{9} \times \frac{2}{7} = \frac{2}{63}$ 14. $\frac{8}{11} \times \frac{3}{4} = \frac{6}{11}$ 15. $\frac{5}{8} \times \frac{4}{9} = \frac{5}{18}$

16. $\frac{3}{14} \times 7 = 1\frac{1}{2}$ 17. $\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{6}{13} = \frac{3}{26}$ 18. $\frac{5}{6} \times \frac{3}{10} = \frac{1}{4}$

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MORE HELPFUL EXAMPLES

D. $\frac{3}{10} \times \frac{5}{6} = \frac{15}{60} \div \frac{15}{15} = \frac{1}{4}$

BELOW IS THE SAME PROBLEM, BUT DONE A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT WAY.

AS LONG AS YOU DO THE SAME TO THE TOP AND BOTTOM YOU CAN SIMPLIFY BEFORE MULTIPLYING.

E. $\frac{3}{10} \times \frac{5}{6} = \frac{\overset{1}{3} \div \overset{3}{3} \times 5}{10 \times \underset{2}{6} \div \underset{3}{3}} = \frac{1 \times 5}{10 \times 2} = \frac{1 \times 1}{2 \times 2} = \frac{1}{4}$

DIVIDE NUMERATOR AND DENOMINATOR BY 3.

DIVIDE NUMERATOR AND DENOMINATOR BY 5.

BY SIMPLIFYING EARLY IT SAVES YOU A LOT OF TIME AND EFFORT.

MULTIPLY. WRITE IN SIMPLEST FORM.

1. $\frac{9}{20} \times \frac{5}{9} = \frac{1}{4}$ 2. $\frac{3}{11} \times \frac{11}{13} = \frac{3}{13}$ 3. $\frac{1}{21} \times \frac{3}{4} = \frac{1}{28}$

4. $\frac{1}{3} \times \frac{5}{6} = \frac{5}{18}$ 5. $10 \times \frac{4}{18} = 2\frac{2}{9}$ 6. $\frac{6}{7} \times \frac{2}{3} = \frac{4}{7}$

7. $30 \times \frac{1}{5} = 6$ 8. $\frac{4}{12} \times \frac{3}{13} = \frac{1}{13}$ 9. $\frac{2}{5} \times \frac{15}{22} = \frac{3}{11}$

10. $\frac{3}{9} \times \frac{5}{10} = \frac{1}{6}$ 11. $\frac{2}{3} \times 7 = 4\frac{2}{3}$ 12. $\frac{4}{7} \times \frac{6}{16} = \frac{3}{14}$

13. $\frac{4}{11} \times \frac{44}{50} = \frac{8}{25}$ 14. $\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{12}{15} = \frac{8}{15}$ 15. $\frac{5}{9} \times \frac{9}{14} = \frac{5}{14}$

16. $\frac{5}{14} \times 8 = 2\frac{6}{7}$ 17. $26 \times \frac{3}{4} = 39\frac{1}{2}$ 18. $\frac{8}{16} \times \frac{11}{13} = \frac{11}{26}$

19. $\frac{3}{5} \times \frac{10}{18} = \frac{1}{3}$ 20. $\frac{4}{7} \times \frac{7}{15} = \frac{4}{15}$ 21. $\frac{8}{13} \times \frac{17}{24} = \frac{17}{39}$