



## Multiplying and dividing fractions

- Multiplying fractions by fractions
- Dividing fractions by fractions using the inverse
- Finding fractions of quantities

Keywords

You should know

explanation 1a

explanation 1b

**1** Work these out.

**a**  $\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{4}{5}$

**b**  $\frac{2}{7} \times \frac{3}{8}$

**c**  $\frac{12}{25} \times \frac{10}{11}$

**d**  $\frac{9}{15} \times \frac{5}{6}$

**e**  $\frac{8}{11} \times \frac{33}{40}$

**f**  $\frac{9}{10} \times \frac{15}{36}$

**g**  $\frac{32}{45} \times \frac{18}{25}$

**h**  $\frac{6}{7} \times \frac{21}{30} \times \frac{2}{3}$

**2** Kevin thinks that three eighths of one fifth is the same as three fifths of one eighth. Is he correct?

**3** Three quarters of Sarah's friends have brown hair.

Two fifths of those with brown hair also have blue eyes.

**a** What fraction of Sarah's friends have brown hair and blue eyes?

**b** What is the smallest number of friends that Sarah could have?

**4** Find three different pairs of fractions that multiply to give  $\frac{5}{12}$ .

**5** Work these out.

**a**  $1\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{5}{8}$

**b**  $2\frac{2}{3} \times 1\frac{1}{5}$

**c**  $2\frac{3}{5} \times 2\frac{1}{3}$

**d**  $3\frac{1}{3} \times 1\frac{3}{7}$

**e**  $4\frac{1}{6} \times 3\frac{4}{5}$

**f**  $5 \times 6\frac{7}{8}$

**g**  $5\frac{11}{12} \times 24$

**h**  $2\frac{5}{6} \times 4\frac{2}{7}$

**i**  $5\frac{3}{8} \times 3\frac{1}{5}$

**j**  $3\frac{7}{10} \times 3\frac{2}{6}$

**k**  $1\frac{1}{4} \times 2\frac{1}{3} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

**l**  $2\frac{1}{5} \times 3\frac{3}{4} \times 1\frac{3}{22}$

**6** Work these out. Remember to use BIDMAS.

**a**  $\left(1\frac{3}{7}\right)^2$

**b**  $\left(1\frac{3}{4}\right)^3$

**c**  $\frac{1}{4}\left(2 - \frac{1}{3}\right)$

**d**  $\frac{2}{3}\left(\frac{2}{3} + 1\frac{1}{6}\right)$

**7** Calculate the areas of these photo frames.

**a**  $9\frac{3}{8}$  cm



$6\frac{2}{3}$  cm

**b**  $20\frac{2}{3}$  cm



$7\frac{2}{5}$  cm

**8** Jenny walks at  $4\frac{1}{3}$  km/h and Kim jogs at  $7\frac{1}{5}$  km/h.

They leave at the same time from the same place and go for a walk or jog.

**a** How far apart will they be after  $\frac{3}{4}$  hour if they both travelled in the same direction?

**b** How far apart will they be after  $\frac{3}{4}$  hour if they travelled in opposite directions?

explanation 2a

explanation 2b

explanation 2c

**9** Work these out.

**a**  $18 \div \frac{1}{3}$

**b**  $\frac{3}{4} \div 8$

**c**  $72 \div \frac{5}{6}$

**d**  $\frac{7}{12} \div 21$

**e**  $\frac{7}{15} \div \frac{5}{6}$

**f**  $\frac{9}{25} \div \frac{15}{21}$

**g**  $\frac{9}{22} \div \frac{4}{11}$

**h**  $\frac{7}{8} \div \frac{6}{7}$

**i**  $\frac{14}{15} \div \frac{21}{40}$

**j**  $\frac{25}{32} \div \frac{5}{48}$

**k**  $\frac{56}{81} \div \frac{14}{54}$

**l**  $\frac{85}{132} \div \frac{25}{48}$

**10** A ferry completes a crossing of an inlet in  $\frac{2}{3}$  hour.

What is the largest number of crossings the ferry could make in 15 hours?

**11** Indira had  $\frac{17}{20}$  kg of apples.

She divided the apples into bags weighing  $\frac{3}{10}$  kg.

How many bags of apples did she get?

- 12** Find three different pairs of fractions that give the answer  $\frac{3}{5}$  when one is divided by the other.

- 13** Work these out.

**a**  $2\frac{1}{2} \div \frac{3}{4}$

**b**  $2\frac{2}{3} \div \frac{4}{5}$

**c**  $5\frac{5}{12} \div \frac{10}{21}$

**d**  $1\frac{7}{8} \div 1\frac{1}{4}$

**e**  $6\frac{4}{9} \div 2\frac{2}{3}$

**f**  $3\frac{1}{7} \div 1\frac{2}{9}$

**g**  $2\frac{1}{2} \div 4\frac{3}{5}$

**h**  $3\frac{4}{5} \div 3\frac{1}{3}$

**i**  $7\frac{3}{5} \div 1\frac{2}{10}$

**j**  $5\frac{7}{8} \div 1\frac{1}{4}$

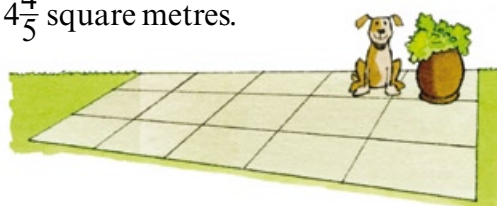
**k**  $6\frac{5}{12} \div 1\frac{1}{10}$

**l**  $3\frac{4}{7} \div 3\frac{3}{14}$

- 14** The area of a rectangular paved patio is  $4\frac{4}{5}$  square metres.

It is  $2\frac{2}{3}$  metres long.

How wide is the patio?



- 15** It takes  $2\frac{3}{4}$  metres of fabric to make a dress.

How many dresses can be made from  $12\frac{7}{8}$  metres of fabric?

- 16** Work these out.

**a**  $\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{7}{10} \div \frac{1}{5}$

**b**  $\frac{6}{15} \div \frac{3}{10} \times \frac{12}{25}$

**c**  $1\frac{3}{4} \times 2\frac{1}{2} \div \frac{5}{6}$

**d**  $1\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{9}{10} \div 2\frac{1}{6}$

- 17** Which is larger,  $\frac{4}{7} \times 1\frac{1}{6}$  or  $3\frac{3}{4} \div 4\frac{3}{8}$ ?

- 18** A photocopier can enlarge printed material by a factor of  $1\frac{9}{20}$ .

A picture measuring  $12\frac{1}{2}$  inches by  $10\frac{4}{5}$  inches is enlarged.

What is the length of each side of the enlarged picture?



- 19** What is the largest and smallest answer that you can make using two of the numbers from the box?

You can either multiply or divide the numbers.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \frac{3}{5} & & 1\frac{3}{4} \\ & \frac{1}{10} & \\ \frac{1}{8} & & 2\frac{2}{3} \\ & & 3\frac{5}{6} \end{array}$$

explanation 3a

explanation 3b

- 20** Find these amounts.

<b>a</b> $\frac{4}{5}$ of 35	<b>b</b> $\frac{3}{8}$ of 64	<b>c</b> $\frac{7}{11}$ of 110	<b>d</b> $\frac{3}{5}$ of 750
<b>e</b> $\frac{11}{15}$ of 45	<b>f</b> $\frac{9}{20}$ of 8000	<b>g</b> $\frac{11}{25}$ of 150 m	<b>h</b> $\frac{14}{60}$ of 1200 g
<b>i</b> $\frac{19}{40}$ of £280	<b>j</b> $\frac{35}{36}$ of 144 ml	<b>k</b> $\frac{39}{44}$ of 220 litres	<b>l</b> $\frac{23}{27}$ of £108

- 21** Suriya earned £360 last week. She saves  $\frac{2}{9}$  of her salary every week. How much did she save last week?

- 22** A day on Jupiter is about  $\frac{3}{8}$  of a day on Earth. Approximately how many hours are there in a Jupiter day?

- 23** This recipe for lemon pepper chicken serves 24 people.

### Lemon Pepper Chicken

3 kg chicken	1.2 kg chopped onion
1.68 kg green pepper	12 lemons
144 g butter	240 g flour
3.6 litres chicken stock	6 handfuls of fresh herbs

1 kg = 1000 g  
1 litre = 1000 ml

- a** How much of each ingredient will you need for 16 people?  
**b** How much of each ingredient will you need for 5 people?

- 24** A school had 1080 pupils.

$\frac{5}{12}$  were European and  $\frac{2}{9}$  were of African descent.

How many pupils were neither European nor of African descent?

- 25** A test took 180 minutes.

Joe took  $\frac{1}{6}$  of the time to answer the multiple-choice section,

$\frac{1}{4}$  for the problem-solving section,  $\frac{3}{8}$  for the essay and

the rest for the short answers.

How long did Joe spend on each section?

- 26** Millie worked a total of 35 hours last week. She did not work on Tuesday.

One quarter of her hours were worked on Monday,  $\frac{1}{6}$  on Wednesday and  $\frac{5}{12}$  at the weekend.

How many hours and minutes in total did Millie work on the other days of the week?

- 27** Bob cut  $\frac{1}{8}$  off the end of a 50m length of rope.

**a** How long was this piece of rope in metres?

**b** How long was the piece of rope in centimetres?

- 28** Three friends all left London at the same time.

	Liverpool	Norwich	Portsmouth
London to	280 km	160 km	100 km

After one hour,

Jimmy had travelled  $\frac{3}{8}$  of the way to Norwich,

Carla had travelled  $\frac{2}{7}$  of the way to Liverpool,

Lewis travelled  $\frac{3}{5}$  of the way to Portsmouth.

Who had travelled the furthest?