

Basic Fraction Skills.

A. Lower the following fractions to their lowest terms. Make sure to show your work, including all intermediate steps!

1. $\frac{8}{16}$

$$\frac{8}{16} \rightarrow \frac{8/8}{16/8} = \frac{1}{2}$$



$$2 \times 2 \times 2 = 8$$

$$A: \frac{1}{2}$$

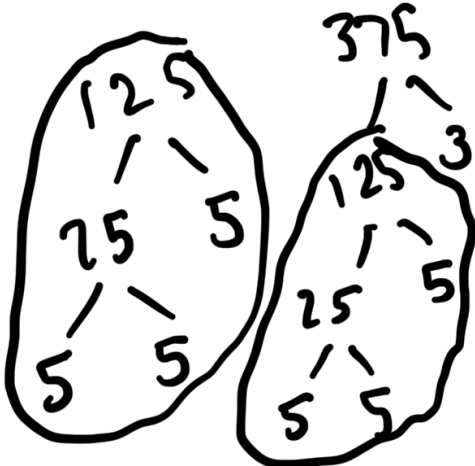
2. $\frac{9}{12}$

$$\frac{9}{12} \rightarrow \frac{9/3}{12/3} = \frac{3}{4}$$



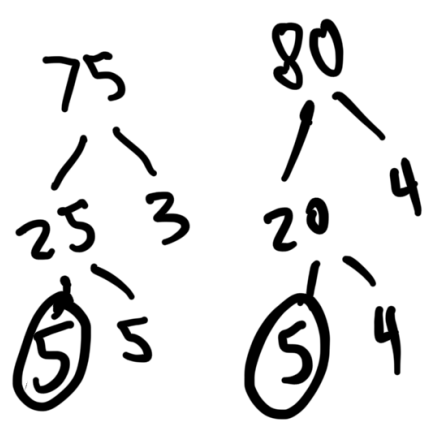
$$A: \frac{3}{4}$$

3. 125/375

$$\frac{125}{375} \rightarrow \frac{125/125}{375/125} = \frac{1}{3}$$


A: $\frac{1}{3}$

4. 75/80

$$\frac{75}{80} \rightarrow \frac{75/5}{80/5} = \frac{15}{16}$$


A: $\frac{15}{16}$

5. 290/295

$$\frac{290}{295} \rightarrow \frac{290/5}{295/5} = \frac{58}{59}$$

$$A: \frac{58}{59}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} 290 \\ \swarrow \searrow \\ \textcircled{5} \quad 58 \\ \quad \swarrow \searrow \\ \quad 2 \quad 29 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} 295 \\ \swarrow \searrow \\ \textcircled{5} \quad 59 \end{array}$$

B. Raise the following terms to match the denominator given. Make sure to show your work, including all intermediate steps!

6. $\frac{3}{7} = \frac{x}{21}$

$$\frac{3}{7} = \frac{x}{21} \rightarrow \frac{9}{21}$$

$$7x = 3 \cdot 21$$

$$7x = 63$$

$$x = \frac{63}{7}$$

$$x = 9$$

$$A: \frac{9}{21}$$

7. $\frac{4}{5} = \frac{x}{30}$

$$\frac{4}{5} = \frac{x}{30} \rightarrow \frac{24}{30}$$

$$A: \frac{24}{30}$$

$$5x = 4 \cdot 30$$

$$5x = 120$$

$$x = \frac{120}{5}$$

$$x = 24$$

8. $\frac{8}{9} = \frac{x}{81}$

$$\frac{8}{9} = \frac{x}{81} \rightarrow \frac{72}{81}$$

$$A: \frac{72}{81}$$

$$9x = 8 \cdot 81$$

$$9x = 648$$

$$x = \frac{648}{9}$$

$$x = 72$$

9. $\frac{7}{8} = \frac{x}{64}$

$$\frac{7}{8} = \frac{x}{64} \rightarrow \frac{56}{64}$$

$$A: \frac{56}{64}$$

$$8x = 7 \cdot 64$$

$$8x = 448$$

$$x = \frac{448}{8}$$

$$x = 56$$

10. $\frac{5}{14} = \frac{x}{84}$

$$\frac{5}{14} = \frac{x}{84} \rightarrow \frac{30}{80}$$

$$A: \frac{30}{80}$$

$$14x = 5 \cdot 84$$

$$14x = 420$$

$$x = \frac{420}{14}$$

$$x = 30$$

C. Find the lowest common denominator. Make sure to show your work, including all intermediate steps!

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

$$\left[\frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}\right] \rightarrow \left[\frac{3}{6}, \frac{4}{6}\right]$$

$$2 \cdot 3 = 6$$

$$A: 6$$

12. $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{2}{5}$

$$\left[\frac{3}{4}, \frac{2}{5}\right] \rightarrow \left[\frac{15}{20}, \frac{8}{20}\right]$$

$$4 \cdot 5 = 20$$

$$A: 20$$

13. $\frac{2}{7}$ and $\frac{5}{6}$

$$\left[\frac{2}{7}, \frac{5}{6}\right] \rightarrow \left[\frac{12}{42}, \frac{35}{42}\right]$$

$$7 \cdot 6 = 42$$

$$A: 42$$

14. $\frac{9}{15}$ and $\frac{2}{12}$

$$\left[\frac{9}{15}, \frac{2}{12}\right] \rightarrow \left[\frac{3}{5}, \frac{1}{6}\right] \rightarrow \left[\frac{18}{30}, \frac{5}{30}\right]$$

$$5 \cdot 6 = 30$$

$$A: 30$$

15. $\frac{4}{17}$ and $\frac{3}{16}$

$$\left[\frac{4}{17}, \frac{3}{16}\right] \rightarrow \left[\frac{64}{272}, \frac{51}{272}\right]$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 17 \\ \times 16 \\ \hline 102 \\ \times 170 \\ \hline 272 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \\ 16 \\ \times 4 \\ \hline 64 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 2 \\ 17 \\ \times 3 \\ \hline 51 \end{array}$$

$$A: 272$$