

Key Facts

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| Fraction | A mathematical expression representing the division of one integer by another. Fractions are written as two numbers separated by a horizontal line . | $\frac{2}{7}$ is a 'proper' fraction. $\frac{9}{4}$ is an 'improper' or 'top-heavy' fraction. |
| Numerator | The top number of a fraction. | In the fraction $\frac{3}{5}$, 3 is the numerator. |
| Denominator | The bottom number of a fraction. | In the fraction $\frac{3}{5}$, 5 is the denominator. |
| Unit Fraction | A fraction where the numerator is one and the denominator is a positive integer. | $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}$ etc. are examples of unit fractions. |
| Mixed Number | A number formed of both an integer part and a fraction part . | $3\frac{2}{5}$ is an example of a mixed number. |
| Simplifying Fractions | Divide the numerator and denominator by the highest common factor. | $\frac{20}{45} = \frac{4}{9}$ |
| Equivalent Fractions | Fractions which represent the same value . | $\frac{2}{5} = \frac{4}{10} = \frac{20}{50} = \frac{60}{150}$ etc. |

Using Fractions

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| Fraction of an Amount | Divide by the bottom , times by the top | Find $\frac{2}{5}$ of £60 $60 \div 5 = 12$ $12 \times 2 = 24$ |
| Multiplying Fractions | Multiply the numerators together and multiply the denominators together. | $\frac{3}{8} \times \frac{2}{9} = \frac{6}{72} = \frac{1}{12}$ |
| Dividing Fractions | 'Keep it, Flip it, Change it – KFC' Keep the first fraction the same Flip the second fraction upside down Change the divide to a multiply Multiply by the reciprocal of the second fraction. | $\frac{3}{4} \div \frac{5}{6} = \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{6}{5} = \frac{18}{20} = \frac{9}{10}$ |

