Key Facts

| Fraction | A mathematical expression representing the <br> division of one integer by another. <br> Eractions are written as two numbers separated <br> by a horizontal line. | $\frac{2}{7}$ is a 'proper' fraction. <br> $\frac{9}{4}$ is an 'improper' or 'top-heavy' <br> fraction. |
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| Numerator | The top number of a fraction. | In the fraction $\frac{3}{5^{5}}, 3$ is the numerator. |
| Denominator | In the fraction $\frac{3}{5}, 5$ is the <br> denominator. |  |
| Unit Fraction | A fraction where the numerator is one and the <br> denominator is a positive integer. | $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}$ etc. are examples of unit <br> fractions. |
| Mixed Number | A number formed of both an integer part and a <br> fraction part. | $3 \frac{2}{5}$ is an example of a mixed <br> number. |
| Simplifying Fractions | Divide the numerator and denominator by the <br> 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

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



