

# **Fractions**

## **Adding and Subtracting Unlike Terms**

*For*

***High School Students***

***Math Problem Solving and Math  
Calculation Special Education  
Intervention and RTI***

***Guided Notes and Practice  
Independent Practice  
Foldable***

***Presented by***



**SHUBOX**  
Scholar

*Copyright © 2016 SHUBOX Scholar*

*All rights reserved by author.*

*Permission to copy for classroom use only.*

*Electronic distribution limited to classroom use only.*

# Fractions

for

*High School Students*

*Math Problem Solving and Math Calculation  
Special Education Intervention and RTI*

This product was made with high school students in mind, who may have missed a step or two in math instruction, and can not tackle the demands of high school math courses with their current math knowledge. It is difficult to find resources that are not too childish – so this series was born!

It has been my experience, that no matter what testing or survey instrument is used, no matter what the age of the high school student, the first item they all showed a deficit in was fractions.

I think it is important to start with a level they are familiar with and build on it. So, this resource will start at the beginning and build upon itself.

I suggest storing the students' Intervention or RTI materials in a folder that can also be used as a lap book as well as a storage receptacle. This is convenient for periodical reviews and can also be very helpful if you are monitored!

Presented by:



**SHUBOX**  
Scholar



*Copyright © 2016 SHUBOX Scholar*



*All rights reserved by author.*

*Permission to copy for classroom use only.*

*Electronic distribution limited to classroom use only.*

# Fractions

**Fractions are part of a whole.** If you have a \_\_\_\_\_ of a fish, you might want to tell someone how much of a fish you have. If you have this much , you could say you have \_\_\_\_\_ of a fish. If you had this much , you could say that you have \_\_\_\_\_ of a fish.

\_\_\_\_\_ work the same way. As the numbers on the bottom ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) get bigger, the parts get smaller. Also, when \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ numbers, much like fish, you need to have the same number on the bottom. In math language, this is called changing \_\_\_\_\_ fractions to \_\_\_\_\_ fractions. How hard would it be to tell someone you have  +  fish? To do this you would have to change the denominators to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. Multiples are found by multiplying the numbers until they have a number in common. For 2---- $2 \times 3 = 6$ ,  $2 \times 4 = 8$ , etc. For 3---- $2 \times 3 = 6$ . We don't have to go any further- there is our common multiple- 6. We can now \_\_\_\_\_  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 6ths by multiplying both top number ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) and bottom number ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) by the \_\_\_\_\_ that will make the bottom number 6 which would be 3.

(  $\frac{1 \times 3 = 3}{2 \times 3 = 6}$  , so  $\frac{1}{2}$  becomes  $\frac{3}{6}$  which is a multiple of  $\frac{1}{2}$ . )

To convert  $\frac{1}{3}$  to 6ths, multiply both top and bottom number by 2.

(  $\frac{1 \times 2 = 2}{3 \times 2 = 6}$  so  $\frac{1}{3}$  becomes  $\frac{2}{6}$ . ) We can now add our fish together.

$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{6}$        $\frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{6}$       so,  $\frac{3}{6} + \frac{2}{6} = \frac{5}{6}$  or about this much  fish!

## ***Fractions***

**Note that when you add or subtract fractions, you add or subtract the top numbers, and the bottom numbers stay the same. Rest assured, you will not need to convert \_\_\_\_\_ very much at all in high school. However, you will need an understanding of how this works, and you will definitely hear the word \_\_\_\_\_ again.**

**Let's practice. Here are the steps you take to add unlike fractions.**

$$\frac{1}{4} + \frac{2}{5} =$$

**Step 1. Find a common multiple of 4 and 5. \_\_\_\_\_**

**Step 2. What number would you use to multiply 4 by to make it the number you found in step 1? \_\_\_\_\_**

**Step 3. Take this number and multiply both top and bottom number of  $\frac{1}{4}$ . \_\_\_\_\_ You have now converted this fraction !**

**Step 4. What number would you use to multiply 5 by to make it the number you found in step 1? \_\_\_\_\_**

**Step 5. Take this number and multiply both top and bottom number of  $\frac{2}{5}$ . \_\_\_\_\_ You have now converted this fraction !**

**Step 6. Rewrite the problem using the answers you wrote to step 3 and step 5 and then solve. (Remember- add the top numbers, and the bottom numbers stay the same.) \_\_\_\_\_**

## Adding and Subtracting Unlike Fraction Practice

1.  $\frac{1}{5} + \frac{2}{3} =$  \_\_\_\_\_

**Common Multiple** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Convert to Like Fractions**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Solve** \_\_\_\_\_

2.  $\frac{2}{12} - \frac{1}{36} =$  \_\_\_\_\_

**Common Multiple** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Convert to Like Fractions**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Solve** \_\_\_\_\_

3.  $\frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{7} =$  \_\_\_\_\_

**Common Multiple** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Convert to Like Fractions**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Solve** \_\_\_\_\_

4.  $\frac{7}{21} + \frac{5}{42} =$  \_\_\_\_\_

**Common Multiple** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Convert to Like Fractions**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Solve** \_\_\_\_\_

5.  $\frac{1}{6} + \frac{2}{9} =$  \_\_\_\_\_

**Common Multiple** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Convert to Like Fractions**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Solve** \_\_\_\_\_

6.  $\frac{3}{10} + \frac{45}{100} =$  \_\_\_\_\_

**Common Multiple** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Convert to Like Fractions**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Solve** \_\_\_\_\_

7.  $\frac{3}{10} - \frac{3}{20} =$  \_\_\_\_\_

**Common Multiple** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Convert to Like Fractions**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Solve** \_\_\_\_\_

8.  $\frac{3}{16} + \frac{12}{32} =$  \_\_\_\_\_

**Common Multiple** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Convert to Like Fractions**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Solve** \_\_\_\_\_

10. Devian and Ashley went out for dinner. If Ashley ate  $\frac{1}{5}$  of a her fish and Devian ate  $\frac{1}{6}$  of his fish, how much fish did they eat altogether?

What is the question asking? \_\_\_\_\_

What operation would you use in your equation? \_\_\_\_\_

Set up equation \_\_\_\_\_

**Common Multiple** \_\_\_\_\_ **Convert to Like Fractions** \_\_\_\_\_

**Solve** \_\_\_\_\_

Name

Date

### Adding and Subtracting Unlike Fractions

$$\frac{1}{4} + \frac{2}{5}$$

1

Show examples here.

2

3

4

5

6

Name

Date

Blank rectangular box for writing.

**Step 1**

**Step 2**

**Step 3**






**Step 4**

**Step 5**

**Step 6**

## Fractions-KEY



Fractions are part of a whole. If you have a **part** of a fish, you might want to tell someone how much of a fish you have. If you have this much , you could say you have  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a fish. If you had this much , you could say that you have  $\frac{1}{3}$  of a fish. **Numbers** work the same way. As the numbers on the bottom (**denominator**) get bigger, the parts get smaller. Also, when **adding** or **subtracting** numbers, much like fish, you need to have the same number on the bottom.. In math language, this is called changing **unlike** fractions to **like** fractions. How hard would it be to tell someone you have  +  fish? To do this you would have to change the denominators to **common multiples**. Multiples are found by **multiplying** the numbers until they have a number in **common**. For 2---  
 $2 \times 3 = 6$ ,  $2 \times 4 = 8$ , etc. For 3----  $2 \times 3 = 6$ . We don't have to go any further- there is our **common multiple**- 6. We can now **convert**  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 6ths by multiplying both top number ( **numerator** ) and bottom number ( **denominator** ) by the **multiple** that will make the bottom number 6 which would be 3. ( $\frac{1 \times 3 = 3}{2 \times 3 = 6}$  , so  $\frac{1}{2}$  becomes  $\frac{3}{6}$  which is a multiple of  $\frac{1}{2}$  . )  
**To convert**  $\frac{1}{3}$  to 6ths, multiply both top and bottom number by 2.  
 ( $\frac{1 \times 2 = 2}{3 \times 2 = 6}$  so  $\frac{1}{3}$  becomes  $\frac{2}{6}$  . ) We can now add our fish together.  $\frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{6}$   
 $\frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{6}$  so,  $\frac{3}{6} + \frac{2}{6} = \frac{5}{6}$  or about this much  fish!



**Note that when you add or subtract fractions, you add or subtract the top numbers, and the bottom numbers stay the same. Rest assured, you will not need to convert **fractions** very much at all in high school. However, you will need an understanding of how this works, and you will definitely hear the word **multiples** again.**

**Let's practice. Here are the steps you take to add unlike fractions.**

$$1/4 + 2/5 =$$

**Step 1. Find a common multiple of 4 and 5. \_\_\_\_\_20**

**Step 2. What number would you use to multiply 4 by to make it the number you found in step 1? \_\_\_\_\_5**

**Step 3. Take this number and multiply both top and bottom number of  $1/4$ . \_\_\_\_\_5/20\_\_\_\_\_ You have now converted this fraction !**

**Step 4. What number would you use to multiply 5 by to make it the number you found in step 1? \_\_\_\_\_4**

**Step 5. Take this number and multiply both top and bottom number of  $2/5$ . \_\_\_\_\_8/20\_\_\_\_\_ You have now converted this fraction !**

**Step 6. Rewrite the problem using the answers you wrote to step 3 and step 5 and then solve. (Remember- add the top numbers, and the bottom numbers stay the same.) \_\_\_\_\_5/20+8/20=13/20**

## Adding and Subtracting Unlike Fraction Practice

1.  $1/5 + 2/3 =$      13/15      
**Common Multiple**     15      
**Convert to Like Fractions**  
    3/15 + 10/15      
**Solve**     13/15    

2.  $2/12 - 1/36 =$      5/36      
**Common Multiple**     36      
**Convert to Like Fractions**  
    6/36 - 1/36      
**Solve**     5/36    

3.  $3/4 - 1/7 =$      17/28      
**Common Multiple**     28      
**Convert to Like Fractions**  
    21/28 - 4/28      
**Solve**     17/28    

4.  $7/21 + 5/42 =$      19/42      
**Common Multiple**     42      
**Convert to Like Fractions**  
    14/42 + 5/42      
**Solve**     19/42    

5.  $1/6 + 2/9 =$      7/18      
**Common Multiple**     18      
**Convert to Like Fractions**  
    3/18 + 4/18      
**Solve**     7/18    

6.  $3/10 + 45/100 =$  \_\_\_\_\_  
**Common Multiple** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Convert to Like Fractions**  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
**Solve** \_\_\_\_\_

7.  $3/10 - 3/20 =$      3/20      
**Common Multiple**     20      
**Convert to Like Fractions**  
    6/20 - 3/20      
**Solve**     3/20    

8.  $3/16 + 12/32 =$      18/32      
**Common Multiple**     32      
**Convert to Like Fractions**  
    6/32 + 12/32      
**Solve**     18/32    

10. **Devian and Ashley went out for dinner. If Ashley ate  $1/5$  of a her fish and Devian ate  $1/6$  of his fish, how much fish did they eat altogether?**  
**What is the question asking?**     How much fish altogether      
**What operation would you use in your equation?**     Addition      
**Set up equation**      $1/5 + 1/6$       
**Common Multiple**     30     **Convert to Like Fractions**      $6/30 + 5/30$       
**Solve**      $6/30 + 5/30 = 11/30$

# ***Thank you for downloading one of my resources!***



*Please contact me with questions  
or suggestions at  
shuboxscholar@gmail.com*

Interactive Notebook templates and border graphics courtesy of:

Tangstar Science

<http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Interactive-Notebook-Templates-FREE-Sampler-Pack-9-Templates-1236067>

<http://learningoutloudlol.blogspot.com>

<http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Store/Mrsbrienoutloudlearning@gmail.com>

Geometry Clip Art: Circle + Oval – Commercial  
Say Beluga

My store: <http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Store/Myko>

**© 2016 SHUBOX Scholar. All rights reserved by author. This product is to be used by the original downloader only. Copying for more than one teacher, classroom, department, school, or school system is prohibited. This product may not be distributed or displayed digitally for public view. Failure to comply is a copyright infringement and a violation of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA). Clipart and elements found in this PDF are copyrighted and cannot be extracted and used outside of this file without permission or license. Intended for classroom and personal use ONLY. <https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Store/Shubox-Scholar>**