

Fractions HW 3

1. Word problems: Write and solve word problems for the numerical problems:

a. $\frac{5}{8} + \frac{7}{8}$

b. $\frac{3}{4} + \frac{2}{5}$

c. $\frac{9}{8} - \frac{3}{8}$ (write a take-away type problem)

d. $\frac{3}{4} - \frac{2}{5}$ (write a take-away type problem)

e. $\frac{9}{8} - \frac{3}{8}$ (write a compare type problem)

f. $\frac{3}{4} - \frac{2}{5}$ (write a compare type problem)

g. $\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{4}{5}$ (write a "groups-of" type problem)

h. $\frac{5}{4} \times \frac{3}{8}$ (write a "groups-of" type problem)

Computation problems:

2. Simplify the fraction $\frac{42}{90}$

a. Using division

b. By factoring

3. Find the least common denominator and use it to add or subtract these fractions:

a. $\frac{5}{12} + \frac{23}{30}$

b. $\frac{7}{8} - \frac{15}{28}$

4. Multiply these fractions and simplify (you can simplify as you go or at the end)

a. $\frac{24}{35} \times \frac{75}{14}$

b. $\frac{36}{25} \times \frac{20}{27}$

Explain these concepts and processes:

5. By making an analogy to whole number multiplication, explain why $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{4}$ means $\frac{1}{2}$ of $\frac{3}{4}$.

6. Draw a diagram to show the meaning of $\frac{3}{5} \times \frac{3}{8}$ (a diagram that clearly shows what $\frac{2}{3}$ of $\frac{4}{5}$ is). Use the diagram to explain why that amount is $\frac{2 \times 4}{3 \times 5}$.

