Fraction practice and review

Must-know problems that require explanations and representations:

1. Explaining your representation of a fraction (problem from test 1 practice): Show and explain how to draw ______ on a number line (using size and number of unit fractions concepts)

• I draw a number line, and show where 0 and 1 is on the number line.

 \swarrow I split the distance from 0 to 1 (1 whole) into 6 equal parts to show 1/6.



Count up 11 steps of size 1/6. I draw more 1/6's until I have 11 of them. Make all of the 1/6's the same size as each other. The point at the end is 11/6, and the distance from 0 to that point is 11/6.

2. Explaining with a diagram what a common denominator is, and how to find equivalent fractions with a common denominator (problem from test 1 practice, edited slightly): **Show** and **explain** how to use a diagram to find equivalent fractions with a common denominator for 4/5 and 3/4. **Show** and **explain** how to use the diagram to figure out the number multiplications that find the equivalent fractions with a common denominator.



Make a rectangular diagram showing 4/5 with vertical lines and a rectangular diagram showing 3/4 with horizontal lines.

Split each 1/5 into 4 parts using horizontal lines, and split each 1/4 into 5 parts using vertical lines.

Both squares are split by the same lines, so they have the same size pieces and same number of pieces and the same denominator. ne reas a

Multiply the number of parts across by the number of parts down to get total number of parts in the whole and in the shaded part.

Each fifth in the whole becomes 4 parts, so there are 5x4 parts in the whole, and each fifth in the shaded part becomes 4 parts, so there are 4x4 shaded parts. (similarly for 3/4) 3. Multiplying proper fractions (problem from test 1 practice, edited slightly): a. **Explain** what $\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{5}{9}$

b. Show and explain how to make a diagram to represent $\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{5}{9}$ using the representation you explained in

part a.

means.

c. Show and explain how to get the usual numerical multiplication of fractions with numbers using your diagram.



4. Know how to model a problem involving two kinds of units (multiplication or division) Make a diagram that shows the relationships in each of these word problems, and use the diagram to solve the problem. (specific problems from the March 10 practice problems):



a. a. A bottle has 2/3 of a quart of juice in it. How much juice is in 2 1/5 bottles?

b. It takes 3/5 ounce of dye to dye 1 yard of fabric. I have 2 1/2 ounces of dye. How many yards of fabric can I dye?



c. I have 2 1/4 pounds of apples. That's enough to make 1 3/5 jars of applesauce. How many apples do I need for 1 jar of applesauce?



5. Identify a fraction multiplication problem from a rectangular diagram. In each of these rectangular diagrams, the whole is shown by a bold box, and the product is shown by a shaded rectangle. Write the multiplication sentence and the product (area of the shaded rectangle as a fraction of the area of the bold box).

