

Year 7 Unit 4

Fractions

FRACTIONS VOCABULARY

fraction	represents the division of one integer by another , e.g. $\frac{2}{3} = 2 \div 3$
vinculum	the line in the middle of a fraction
numerator	the number above the vinculum in a fraction
denominator	the number below the vinculum in a fraction
unit fraction	a fraction where the numerator is 1 , e.g. $\frac{1}{6}$
proper fraction	a fraction where the numerator is smaller than the denominator , e.g. $\frac{3}{5}$
improper fraction	a fraction when the numerator is greater than the denominator , e.g. $\frac{5}{3}$
reciprocal	the reciprocal of a number is 1 divided by the number , e.g. <i>the reciprocal of x is $\frac{1}{x}$, the reciprocal of $\frac{3}{4}$ is $\frac{4}{3}$</i>
mixed number	a number formed of both an integer part and a fractional part, e.g. $3\frac{2}{5}$
dividend	the amount to be divided up
divisor	the amount you are dividing by
quotient	the result of a division (Dividend \div divisor = quotient)
remainder	the amount left over when a divisor doesn't fit into a dividend exactly

FRACTIONS MANIPULATION

equivalent fractions	fractions which represent the same value e.g. $\frac{2}{3}$ and $\frac{4}{6}$ multiply the numerator and denominator by the same amount
simplifying fractions	fractions can be simplified by dividing the numerator and denominator by a common factor to get a fraction in its simplest form , you must divide by the highest common factor (HCF)
mixed to improper	multiply the denominator by the whole number part, add this to the numerator
improper to mixed	divide the numerator by the denominator , the quotient is the whole number part , the remainder is then written as a fraction
fractions of amounts	divide by the denominator (bottom number) and multiply by the numerator (top number)

FRACTION NOTATION

vinculum	\longrightarrow	$\frac{3}{5}$	\longleftarrow numerator
			\longleftarrow denominator

FRACTIONS: OPERATIONS

add	you need a common denominator , then add the numerator	$\frac{A}{B} + \frac{C}{B} = \frac{A+C}{B}$
subtract	you need a common denominator , then add the numerator	$\frac{A}{B} - \frac{C}{B} = \frac{A-C}{B}$
addition and subtraction of mixed numbers	you need to convert mixed numbers into improper fractions with a common denominator , then add/subtract the numerators	
multiply	multiply the numerators multiply the denominators	$\frac{A}{B} \times \frac{C}{D} = \frac{AC}{BD}$
divide (KCF)	keep the first fraction change the \div to x flip the second fraction , then multiply	$\frac{A}{B} \div \frac{C}{D} = \frac{A}{B} \times \frac{D}{C} = \frac{AD}{BC}$
multiply and divide mixed numbers	you need to convert mixed numbers into improper fractions , the use the methods for multiplying and division as above	

COMMON FDP CONVERSIONS

fraction	decimal	percentage
$\frac{1}{2}$	0.5	50%
$\frac{1}{4}$	0.25	25%
$\frac{3}{4}$	0.75	75%
$\frac{1}{10}$	0.1	10%

COMPARING FRACTIONS

proportion	an amount of a whole
comparing fractions	re-write the fractions with common denominators compare the numerators
comparing FDP	convert all to decimals write your answers as it was originally given in the question
ascending	putting in order going up
descending	putting in order going down
ordering fractions	re-write the fractions with common denominators compare the numerators to order them