

A close-up photograph of several green fern fronds, showing the intricate, feathery structure of the leaves. The fronds are vibrant green and appear slightly wet, with some water droplets visible. The background is dark and out of focus, emphasizing the texture and detail of the fern leaves.

RICH MATHEMATICAL TASK BOOKLET

# RATIONAL NUMBERS

## Fractions

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Teacher Booklet

# Task 1

What are all the different ways you can use the fraction tiles to make more than one half but less than ten twelfths?

As you make these record them and be ready to explain and justify why they are less than one whole.

What are all the different ways you can use the fraction tiles to make a fraction number that is less than two quarters but more than one tenth?

As you make these record them and be ready to explain and justify why they are less than one half.

What are all the different ways you can use the fraction tiles to make a fraction number that is more than one whole but less than one and 5 eighths?

As you make these record them and be ready to explain and justify why they are more than one whole.

What are all the different ways you can use the fraction tiles to make a fraction number that is the same as three quarters?

As you make these record them and be ready to explain and justify why they are equivalent.

What are all the different ways you can use the fraction tiles to make a fraction number that is the same as two thirds?

As you make these record them and be ready to explain and justify why they are equivalent.

## Teacher Notes

Before the launch have the students explore and talk together about when they have used fractions outside of school.

Have fraction tiles available for the students to use to prove and justify.

Monitor for students using the words fractional numbers (not pieces or bits) and greater than, less than, the same as.

Notice students who make conjectures during connect and have students explore and prove these ideas.

Expect students to represent materials and use appropriate notation and the equal sign ( $\frac{3}{4} = \frac{6}{8}$ ).

## Big Ideas

*Numbers can be described in many different ways including as fractions.*

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## Shareback

Select students to share who made combinations of the whole or other fractions using the same size pieces (halves, quarters, sixths, eighths) and recorded the combinations as numbers, equations, or words. Then, select students to share who made combinations using the unlike fraction pieces (e.g.,  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4}$  is more than a half and less than  $\frac{10}{12}$ ) and recorded the combinations as numbers, equations or words.

## Connect

Generate sets of fractions that are the same as  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Can you notice any patterns or rules for why fractions are the same as  $\frac{1}{2}$ ?

Generate sets of fractions that are the same as  $\frac{3}{4}$ .

Can you notice any patterns or rules for how you can find fractions that are the same as  $\frac{3}{4}$ ?

Generate sets of fractions that are the same as  $\frac{2}{6}$ .

Can you notice any patterns or rules for how you can find fractions that are the same as  $\frac{2}{6}$ ?

## Suggested Learning Outcomes

Combine and recombine different units of fractions to make one whole.

Identify and make equivalent fractions.

Recognise and use improper fractions to represent more than one whole.

## Curriculum Links

### **During Year Seven and Eight**

identify, read, write, and represent fractions, decimals, and percentages

compare, order, and convert between fractions, decimals, and percentages

find equivalent fractions, simplify fractions, and convert between improper fractions and mixed numbers

## Mathematical Language

Whole, half, halves, quarters, fourths, thirds, sixths, ninths, twelfths, eighths, whole number, equal, equivalent, greater than, less than, numerator, denominator.

## Independent Tasks

1.  $\frac{1}{5}$  of 25 =
2.  $\frac{4}{5}$  of 25 =
3.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 200 =
4.  $\frac{2}{5}$  of 100 =
5.  $\frac{3}{5}$  of 100 =
6.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 360 =
7.  $\frac{2}{9}$  of 63 =
8.  $\frac{2}{9}$  of 630 =
9.  $\frac{2}{4}$  of 1 000 =
10.  $\frac{1}{3}$  of \_\_\_\_ = 12

# Anticipations

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Solutions, Misconceptions



## Task 2

Anau and Lola are having a mathematical argument about whether there is numbers between whole numbers.

Anau says that she can write more than 20 numbers that come between 1 and 2. She decides to convince Lola by writing the numbers and using a representation and number-line to prove that they exist.

Represent numbers between 1 and 2 and then put them on the number-line.

## Teacher Notes

Facilitate the students to notice that earlier in the year, the number lines they have used only contained whole numbers (numbers that resulted from counting). The fractions they are talking about now (numbers resulting from equal splitting or partitioning) can be represented on the number line. This shows that fractions may also be thought of as numbers. In the connection refer to the fractions (e.g.,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  as a mixed number.

Monitor for students using vocabulary which emphasises dividing or splitting equally of portioning into equal parts.

Notice students who find the concept of fractions as numbers between numbers counter intuitive. Allow them to struggle and construct reasoning through mathematical talk and using agreeing mathematically and disagreeing mathematically (e.g., I agree because...).

## Shareback

Select students to share who have developed a representation and marked the fraction on a number-line. Draw a number-line on the board and ask all students who share to mark the fraction onto it by partitioning the number-line.

## Connect

What mixed numbers are there between 5 and 10?

What would the number be as an improper fraction?

Mark each one on a number-line to show where they would be.

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*Each fraction can be associated with a unique point on a number line.*

*There is no least or greatest fraction on the number line.*

*There are an infinite number of fractions between any two fractions on the number line*

## Suggested Learning Outcomes

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Record fractions on a number-line.

Find and associate fractions with a unique point on a number line.

Recognise there are an infinite number of fractions between any two whole numbers or any two fractions on a number line.

## Independent Tasks

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Draw a number-line starting from 2 and finishing at 8. Put at least 15 different fractions on the number-line.

Draw a number-line starting from 4 and finishing at 6. Put at least 15 fractions on the number-line. Don't use the same fractions as you used previously.

Draw a number-line starting from 11 and finishing at 12. Put at least 10 fractions on the number-line. Don't use the same fractions as you used previously.

## Curriculum Links

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## Mathematical Language

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## Task 3

Cooper has ordered fractions from smallest to biggest:

$$\frac{2}{3} \quad \frac{2}{4} \quad \frac{1}{6} \quad \frac{5}{8} \quad \frac{6}{10}$$

Do you agree or disagree with Cooper?

Use representations including a number line to show how you would order the fractions from smallest to largest.

## Teacher Notes

Facilitate the students to notice that the denominator represents the number of pieces the whole has been divided into and the numerator represents the number of pieces.

Expect students to represent using a range of representations including the use of a number line or rectangular blocks which are the same size.

In the connect, students may generalise that the larger the denominator the smaller the fraction piece left is, however, facilitate them to notice that this only applies to unit fractions and is not a rule for all fractions.

## Shareback

Select students to share who converted fractions to equivalent fractions using informal methods with representations before they compared the fractions. If any students changed all the fractions to a common denominator than select them to share last.

If no students use the strategy of findings the lowest common denominator, then introduce this as a strategy to the class.

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## Connect

Put these in order from smallest to largest by finding the lowest common denominator

$$\frac{3}{4} \quad \frac{6}{7} \quad \frac{12}{16}$$

Does this always work?

Support students to notate:

4, 8, 16, 20, 24, 28, 32, 36, 40, 44, 48, 52, 56

7, 14, 21, 28, 35, 42, 49, 56

14, 28, 42, 56

Ensure that the students generalise the process of finding the highest.

## Suggested Learning Outcomes

Order and compare fractions.

Find equivalent fractions.

## Independent Tasks

Put these fractions on a numberline in order of size.

1:  $\frac{4}{10}$   $\frac{3}{5}$   $\frac{6}{15}$

2:  $\frac{7}{12}$   $\frac{3}{4}$   $\frac{5}{8}$

3:  $\frac{5}{6}$   $\frac{4}{12}$   $\frac{6}{9}$

4:  $\frac{11}{16}$   $\frac{7}{12}$   $\frac{3}{14}$

5:  $\frac{11}{22}$   $\frac{10}{12}$   $\frac{9}{11}$

6:  $\frac{7}{8}$   $\frac{2}{3}$   $\frac{3}{4}$

7:  $\frac{1}{4}$   $\frac{3}{9}$   $\frac{2}{5}$

What rule or pattern did you use to help you order these fractions?  
Write a set of fractions for a friend to order.

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## Task 4

Mama Mereana and her sisters have been working together sewing a tivaevae for a family wedding.

By last month they had completed two fifths of it.

Last week was busy so they only completed another sixth of it. This week they have completed another third.

How much have they completed and how much more do they have to sew to complete it?

## Teacher Notes

An tivaevae is a elaborate quilt which is presented on ceremonial occasions and highly treasured. During the launch ensure that the students recognise these as of great cultural importance (symbol of identity and community). Establish the maths norms using the concept of how a group of people work together as a family to make a fine mat.

Facilitate students to notice that to add fractions the denominators need to be the same.

Monitor for students using vocabulary of equivalence and relational thinking.

Notice students who show relational understanding ( $\frac{5}{4}$  as  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4}$  or  $\frac{6}{8}$ ).

In the connect develop a generalisation for rules to find a common denominator through finding a common multiple.

## Shareback

Select students to share who converted fractions to equivalent fractions using informal or more formalised methods (multiplication for example) before they added the fractions.

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## Connect

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What are the common denominators for:

$$\frac{1}{2} \text{ and } \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \text{ and } \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \text{ and } \frac{1}{4} \text{ and } \frac{1}{5}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \text{ and } \frac{1}{5} \text{ and } \frac{3}{7}$$

$$\frac{3}{4} \text{ and } \frac{4}{5} \text{ and } \frac{1}{2}$$

What do you notice about finding common denominator?

Can you describe a rule to use when adding fractions with different denominators?

## Suggested Learning Outcomes

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Change fractions to equivalent fractions

Solve problems that involve adding or subtracting fractions.

## Independent Tasks

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Add these fractions:

$$\frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{3} =$$

$$\frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} =$$

$$\frac{1}{5} + \frac{2}{10} + \frac{3}{15} =$$

$$\frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{4}{5} =$$

$$\frac{1}{4} + \frac{2}{5} + \frac{3}{6} =$$

$$\frac{1}{3} + \frac{9}{12} + \frac{6}{9} =$$

What patterns do you notice?

Record the rule you could use to find the common denominator.

## Curriculum Links

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### **During Year Seven and Eight**

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## Mathematical Language

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## Task 5

How good are your estimating skills? Which is the answer closest to?

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{7}{8} =$$

Is it 10, 8,  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1?

$$\frac{4}{5} + \frac{10}{11} =$$

Is it 16,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ , 2,  $1\frac{3}{4}$ ?

$$\frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{2} =$$

Is it  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1,  $\frac{1}{4}$

$$7\frac{3}{4} - 4\frac{5}{6} =$$

Is it 4,  $3\frac{1}{2}$ , 3?

Be ready to justify your reasoning using at least two different ways.

## Teacher Notes

Reinforce to the students that estimation is a thinking tool and it should always be used to make sense of the size of the number.

Notice students who reason out the size of the fractions rather than working through a procedure to get the exact answer.

## Shareback

Select students to share who have first estimated of the size of the fractions in the equation and then estimated the size of the overall answer rather than giving the exact answer.

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## Connect

Which are greater than one or less than one?

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

$$\frac{2}{8} + \frac{2}{8} + \frac{2}{8} + \frac{2}{8} + \frac{2}{8}$$

$$\frac{2}{3} + \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\frac{14}{15} + \frac{1}{10}$$

$$\frac{11}{12} + \frac{1}{24}$$

What do you notice? Be ready to explain and justify your reasoning.

## Suggested Learning Outcomes

Change fractions to equivalent fractions.

Solve problems that involve adding fractions.

## Independent Tasks

Estimate if the following answers are less or more than  $\frac{1}{2}$

$$\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{8}$$

$$\frac{2}{9} + \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{12}$$

$$\frac{3}{8} + \frac{1}{10}$$

Estimate if the following are less or more than 2.

$$\frac{5}{6} + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\frac{9}{10} + \frac{11}{12} + \frac{1}{5}$$

$$2\frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$3\frac{1}{3} - 2\frac{5}{6}$$

## Curriculum Links

### **During Year Seven and Eight**

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## Mathematical Language

*Whole, quarters, fourths, thirds, sixths, equal, equivalent, numerator, denominator.*

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## Task 6

A car travels  $\frac{11}{12}$  of a kilometre in one minute. How many kilometres will the car have travelled after 9 minutes?

A landscaper uses  $\frac{4}{9}$  of a litre of paint to paint 18 fence pailings. The landscaper needs to paint 90 pailings. How much paint do they need?

A school is preparing to donate some books overseas. Each bundle of books weighs  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a kilogram. The school need to organise 15 bundles to post. What is the total weight of the books?

## Teacher Notes

Facilitate the students to notice that there are multiples of the fractional number which they can add or multiply

Notice students who use multiplicative thinking. Also notice and allow students to struggle with the counter intuitive principle of multiplying a whole number by a fractional number where the product gets smaller rather than larger.

Have concrete material available if needed for students to select (e.g., fraction tiles).

Expect students to represent using drawings, number-line or fraction pieces to represent parts of the whole and explain these using notation.

## Shareback

Select students who either use repeated addition for the fractional numbers (e.g., add  $\frac{11}{12}$  9 times) or solve the problem as  $9 \times \frac{11}{12} = \frac{99}{12}$  or  $9 \frac{3}{4}$ . If the second multiplicative solution is not used, then model as another way a student has used previously.

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## Connect

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$$\frac{55}{6} = ?$$

$$\frac{20}{9} = ?$$

$$\frac{45}{4} = ?$$

What patterns do you notice when changing an improper fraction to a mixed number?

## Suggested Learning Outcomes

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Multiply a fraction by a whole number.

Convert improper fractions to mixed numbers.

## Independent Tasks

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Zac is preparing bags of feijoa to sell at the local market. Each bag has  $1\frac{1}{2}$  of a kilogram of feijoa. Zac needs to prepare 25 bags to sell, how many kilograms of apples does he need to fill the bags?

Frankie travels  $\frac{1}{5}$  of a kilometre in one minute. How many kilometres will she have travelled after 23 minutes?

A recipe to make 15 pieces of rocky road needs  $\frac{7}{8}$  of a cup of sugar. Sophie wants to make enough rocky road for her hub at school which has 75 students. How much sugar does Sophie need?

## Curriculum Links

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### **During Year Seven and Eight**

*add and subtract fractions with different denominators, using equivalent fractions*

*multiply fractions and decimals by whole numbers*

## Mathematical Language

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*Whole, half, halves, quarters, fourths, thirds, equivalent, mixed numbers, numerator, denominator.*



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## Task 7

Lauasi and Samas were making sapaui with their Dad. To make enough sapaui for their family of four they need:

- $2\frac{1}{2}$  of tablespoons of soy sauce
- $\frac{1}{5}$  of a bottle of peanut oil
- $\frac{5}{6}$  of a cup of water
- $\frac{2}{3}$  of a tablespoon of garlic
- $\frac{3}{4}$  a bag of chicken pieces
- $2\frac{1}{4}$  packets of vermicelli noodles.

They are having Sunday lunch with the rest of their fono. They want to make enough sapaui for 24 people.

Write a list of the ingredients they will need to cook enough sapaui to feed everyone.

## Teacher Notes

During the launch, establish the context of the problem. Sapaui is a form of chop suey common to the Pacific.

Facilitate the students to notice that there are multiples of the fractional number which they can add or multiply

Notice students who use multiplicative thinking. Also notice and allow students to struggle with the counter intuitive principle of multiplying a whole number by a fractional number where the product gets smaller rather than larger.

Have concrete material available if needed for students to select (e.g., fraction tiles).

Expect students to represent using drawings, number-line or fraction pieces to represent parts of the whole and explain these using notation.

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The real-world actions for addition and subtraction of whole numbers are the same for operations with fractions and decimals.

Fractions with unlike denominators are renamed as equivalent fractions with like denominators to add and subtract.

Numerical expressions can be named in an infinite number of different but equivalent ways (e.g.  $\frac{4}{6} \div \frac{2}{8} = \frac{2}{3} \div \frac{1}{4} = \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{1}{4}$ ; also  $26 \times 4 = (20 + 6) \times 4$ ).

## Connect

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$$\frac{2}{5} \times 8 =$$

$$\frac{4}{9} \times 12 =$$

$$\frac{7}{10} \times 9 =$$

What patterns do you notice when multiplying fractions?

## Suggested Learning Outcomes

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Multiply a fraction by a whole number.

Convert improper fractions to mixed numbers.

## Independent Tasks

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Malia is making otai. For each bottle of otai she needs:

1 and  $\frac{3}{4}$  cups of pineapple.

2 and  $\frac{1}{2}$  cups of watermelon.

1 and  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a cup of coconut milk.

Three quarters of a cup of coconut water.

$\frac{1}{2}$  of a cup of lemon juice.

Malia wants to make 8 bottles of otai. How much of each ingredient will she need?

## Curriculum Links

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### ***During Year Seven and Eight***

*add and subtract fractions with different denominators, using equivalent fractions*

*multiply fractions and decimals by whole numbers*

## Mathematical Language

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*Whole, thirds, tenths, equal, equivalent, numerator, denominator, common denominator, common multiple.*

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## Task 8

You and your brother are painting the shed. You decide to divide the garage into sections you will each paint.

Your Dad gives you 2 and  $\frac{1}{4}$  cans of paint.

You find that on average you use  $\frac{3}{8}$  of a can of paint to paint each section.

How many sections did you and your brother paint altogether?

## Teacher Notes

Facilitate the students to notice that there are multiples of the fractional number which they can subtract repeatedly.

Notice students who use relationships to solve these word problems. For example, most students will repeatedly add or subtract but notice the students who see the relationship as groups of in multiplicative ways.

Monitor for students who make the conjecture that when dividing by a fractional number the dividend gets bigger rather than smaller as it does when dividing by a whole number. Record and explore with students.

In the connect, press students to consider division of fractions as how many times something can go into...be subtracted.

## Shareback

Select students to who use measurement division (repeated subtraction as division,

e.g.,  $\left(2\frac{1}{4} - \frac{3}{8} - \frac{3}{8} - \frac{3}{8} - \frac{3}{8} - \frac{3}{8} - \frac{3}{8} - \frac{3}{8}\right)$

or who use the inverse relationship of multiplication and division

$\left(\frac{3}{8} \times ? = 2\frac{1}{4}\right)$  or  $\left(\frac{3}{8} + \frac{3}{8} + \frac{3}{8} \dots = 2\frac{1}{4}\right)$  If either solution is not used, then model as another way the teacher has seen used previously.

## Big Ideas

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*Every fraction/ratio can be represented by an infinite set of different but equivalent fractions/ratios.*

*The real-world actions for addition and subtraction of whole numbers are the same for operations with fractions and decimals.*

*Numerical expressions can be named in an infinite number of different but equivalent ways (e.g.  $\frac{4}{6} \div \frac{2}{8} = \frac{2}{3} \div \frac{1}{4} = \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{1}{4}$ ; also  $26 \times 4 = (20 + 6) \times 4$ ).*



## Connect

Ask students to describe how you would solve the following problems using division (repeated subtraction) or multiplication (repeated addition):

It takes  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a pot of paint for a section. I have 1 bucket, how many sections can I paint?

It takes  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a pot of paint for a section. I have 2 buckets, how many sections can I paint?

It takes  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a pot of paint for a section. I have 10 buckets, how many sections can I paint?

It takes  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a pot of paint for a section. I have  $\frac{1}{2}$  bucket, how many sections can I paint?

It takes  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a pot of paint for a section. I have  $1\frac{1}{2}$  buckets, how many sections can I paint?

What pattern do you notice?

Could you describe what you are doing when you are dividing by a fraction?

## Suggested Learning Outcomes

Divide a mixed number by a fraction.

Use repeated subtraction to solve division problems.

### Independent Tasks

You and your brother are painting the shed. You decide to divide the garage into sections you will each paint.

Your Dad gives you 5 and  $\frac{1}{3}$  cans of paint.

You find that on average you use  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a can of paint to paint each section.

How many sections did you and your brother paint altogether?

You and your brother are painting the shed. You decide to divide the garage into sections you will each paint.

Your Dad gives you 9 and  $\frac{7}{8}$  cans of paint.

You find that on average you use  $\frac{5}{7}$  of a can of paint to paint each section.

How many sections did you and your brother paint altogether?

Record an explanation to tell someone else what is important about multiplying fractions.

## Curriculum Links

### **During Year Seven and Eight**

*add and subtract fractions with different denominators, using equivalent fractions*

*multiply fractions and decimals by whole numbers*

## Mathematical Language

*Whole, half, halves, quarters, fourths, whole number, equivalent, mixed numbers, numerator, denominator.*

# Anticipations

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## Task 9

Michael's father ate  $\frac{1}{10}$  of a loaf of bread before Michael made lunch for his brothers and sisters.

Michael used  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the loaf of bread that was left.

How much of the loaf did Michael use and how much was left?

## Teacher Notes

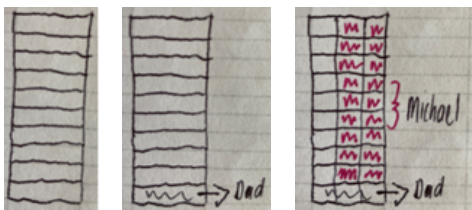
Facilitate the students to notice the need to consider the fraction as part of one whole.

Monitor for students who have maintained a focus on the number of unit parts in all and recognised that the size of the parts determines the number of wholes.

Notice students who use a model to represent their reasoning. If students use a formal procedure expect them to be able to explain it in sense-making ways.

## Shareback

Select students to share who are able to explain and justify their explanations which draw on representations for example a box model to show how you can multiply a fraction by a fraction. If no students show this, then teacher models this as below.



## Connect

Can you draw a model of:

$$\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{1}{2} =$$

$$\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{1}{2} =$$

$$\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{8} =$$

Explain and justify why you always have to consider the whole.

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The whole is important in naming fractions. A fraction is relative to the size of the whole or unit

Numerical expressions can be named in an infinite number of different but equivalent ways (e.g.  $\frac{4}{6} \div \frac{2}{8} = \frac{2}{3} \div \frac{1}{4} = \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{1}{4}$ ; also  $26 \times 4 = (20 + 6) \times 4$ ).

## Suggested Learning Outcomes

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Multiple a fraction by a fraction.

### Independent Tasks

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Draw models of the following equations:

$$\frac{4}{6} \times \frac{1}{2} =$$

$$\frac{4}{5} \times \frac{2}{7} =$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \times \frac{3}{4} =$$

Solve the equation using your model.

$$\frac{5}{8} \times \frac{3}{5} =$$

### Curriculum Links

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#### ***During Year Seven and Eight***

*add and subtract fractions with different denominators, using equivalent fractions*

*multiply fractions and decimals by whole numbers*

### Mathematical Language

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*Whole, fourths, quarters, equal, equivalent, numerator, denominator, common denominator, common multiple.*

# Anticipations

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## Task 10

Nia was making a kahoa kakala (flowers lei) for her granddaughter's graduation.

She collected heilala flowers and some mohokoi flowers.  
She started  $\frac{2}{7}$  of the kahoa kakala with only mohokoi flowers.

She then added 132 heilala flowers which made the kahoa  $\frac{7}{8}$  full.

How many flowers did Nia use for the whole kahoa kakala?

## Teacher Notes

During the launch, facilitate students to notice that whole number problems and fractional number problems may be start unknown or change unknown problems and not result unknown only.

Expect the students to represent their reasoning using both diagrams (rectangular box for fractions), number-lines, and notation.

## Shareback

Select students to share who represented the problem as  $\frac{2}{7} + [132] = \frac{7}{8}$  and who have used a common multiple and denominator for third and fifths to solve the problem along with representation.

## Connect

Make statements of things that you know are always true about fractions. Explore and prove these.

## Suggested Learning Outcomes

Find and compare equivalent fractions.

Add and subtract fractions.

Find fractions of a set.

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## Independent Tasks

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Nia was making a kahoa kakala (flowers lei) for her granddaughter's graduation.

She collected heilala flowers and some mohokoi flowers.  
She started  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the kahoa kakala with only mohokoi flowers.

She then added 30 heilala flowers which made the kahoa  $\frac{4}{6}$  full.

How many flowers did Nia use for the whole kahoa kakala?

Nia was making a kahoa kakala (flowers lei) for her granddaughter's graduation.

She collected heilala flowers and some mohokoi flowers.  
She started  $\frac{3}{10}$  of the kahoa kakala with only mohokoi flowers.

She then added 36 heilala flowers which made the kahoa  $\frac{4}{5}$  full.

How many flowers did Nia use for the whole kahoa kakala?

## Curriculum Links

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### ***During Year Seven and Eight***

*find a percentage of a whole number, and find a whole amount, given a simple fraction or percentage (e.g., "75% is \$45, what is the total amount?")*

## Mathematical Language

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*Whole, thirds, ninths, tenths, fifths, equal, equivalent, fair share, partitioning, numerator, denominator.*

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## Task 11

If 90 beads is  $3\frac{3}{5}$  sets. How many beads are in 1 set?

If a cyclist travels  $5\frac{2}{3}$  kilometres in  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an hour. How fast is the cyclist travelling in kilometres per hour?

## Teacher Notes

Facilitate the students to notice the importance of considering the whole.

Notice students who use reasoned notation to solve the equations.

## Shareback

Select students to share who have reasoned through using the amount of one fourth (equal partitioning) and then the value of one whole (iterating).

## Connect

In solving these two problems you had to keep thinking: How much is one?

Can you explain why this was important?

## Suggested Learning Outcomes

Divide a fraction by a fraction.

## Independent Tasks

Kiriwai has been given a cake to decorate. She is given 60 lollies to decorate it. She decides to split the cake into three sections and decorate each section but with a different proportion of lollies on each section. She puts  $\frac{5}{10}$  of her lollies on the first section. She puts  $\frac{2}{5}$  of the lollies on the second section. She puts  $\frac{1}{10}$  of the lollies on the third section. How many lollies does she put on each section?

Kiriwai has been given a cake to decorate. She is given 81 lollies to decorate it. She decides to split the cake into three sections and decorate each section but with a different proportion of lollies on each section. She puts  $\frac{2}{9}$  of her lollies on the first section. She puts  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the lollies on the second section. She puts  $\frac{4}{9}$  of the lollies on the third section. How many lollies does she put on each section?

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## Curriculum Links

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## Mathematical Language

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## Task 12

Solve each equation.

1.  $v = \frac{2}{3} + \frac{3}{7}$

2.  $\frac{5}{15} + b = \frac{3}{4}$

3.  $\frac{1}{3} = \frac{7}{15} - n$

4.  $7\frac{1}{5} = 6\frac{1}{2} + b$

5.  $8\frac{1}{2} = 9\frac{1}{3} - q$

6.  $\frac{2}{3}x = 3$

7.  $r = \frac{5}{8} \times 5$

8.  $3\frac{3}{5} + \frac{2}{5} = t$

9.  $\frac{7}{20} = \frac{i}{15}$

10.  $\frac{1}{3} = y \times 4$

11.  $12 \times 2\frac{3}{4} = 24 + p$

12.  $13\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{4}{5} = 27 \times s$

Be ready to explain and justify your explanations using representations and/or notation.

## Teacher Notes

Facilitate the students to draw on the relationships they have identified in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Notice students who are able to generalise patterns across denominators.

## Shareback

Select students to share who are able to draw on number properties and operational laws including the understanding of the equals sign to solve the problems.

## Big Ideas

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The effects of operations for addition and subtraction with fractions and decimals are the same as those with whole numbers.

Fractions with unlike denominators are renamed as equivalent fractions with like denominators to add and subtract.

## Connect

Draw on student solution strategies to highlight operational laws that the students used to solve the problems (e.g., inverse relationship, commutative property).

Connect back to number and algebra unit to highlight that the properties that work with all numbers including fractions.

## Suggested Learning Outcomes

Solve missing number problems that involve fractions.

Solve addition problems involving fractions.

Solve subtraction problems involving fractions.

Solve multiplication problems involving fractions.

Solve division problems involving fractions.

Use operational laws to solve missing number problems that involve fractions.

## Independent Tasks

Choose from one of the following Assessment tasks:

Task 1: Fractions/Proportion, Ratio and Decimals - Write an equation.

Task 2: Order Fractions

Task 3: Fractions (set)

## Curriculum Links

### **During Year Seven and Eight**

*multiply fractions and decimals by whole numbers*

### **During Year Seven**

*describe and use the commutative, distributive, and associative properties of operations (e.g.,  $a \times b = b \times a$ )*

### **During Year Eight**

*simplify algebraic expressions involving sums, products, differences, and single brackets (e.g., using the distributive property,  $2(x + 3) + 1 = 2x + 6 + 1 = 2x + 7$ )*

## Mathematical Language

*Whole, half, halves, eighths, whole number, equal, equivalent, section, mixed numbers, numerator, denominator.*

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## Assessment Task 1 - Fractions - Year 7 - 8

Write some word problems for a friend involving any of the operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division) using fractions, decimals, or percentages. Show how you would solve the problems.

## Assessment Task 1 - Fractions - Year 7 - 8

Put these fractions in order from smallest to biggest.

$$\frac{9}{15}$$

$$\frac{7}{12}$$

$$\frac{8}{10}$$

$$\frac{2}{3}$$

$$\frac{14}{16}$$

$$\frac{5}{6}$$

Explain and show how you know this.

## Assessment Task 2 - Fractions - Year 7 - 8

Solve these problems and prove and justify your solution:

1) Mum fills up the petrol tank. During the week, she uses  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the petrol dropping the kids off at school. She uses  $\frac{3}{8}$  of the petrol going to work. She uses  $\frac{1}{6}$  of the petrol going to the supermarket. What fraction of the petrol tank is full now?

2) Jodie is selling mandarins from her tree. She is selling them in  $\frac{2}{3}$  kg bags. If she picks a bucket of mandarins weighing 5 and  $\frac{5}{6}$  kgs – how much of the bags will she be able to fill?

3) Talia is making a fruit smoothie. For each bottle she needs:

$\frac{3}{4}$ of a cup of blueberries	$\frac{2}{3}$ of a cup of banana	$\frac{4}{5}$ of a cup of ice
$2\frac{3}{4}$ cups of milk	$\frac{1}{5}$ of a table-spoon of vanilla	

Talia wants to make 5 bottles. How much of each ingredient will she need?