

FRACTIONS

(Multiplying And Dividing Fractions)

Multiplying Fractions

To multiply two fractions, first multiply the numerators of both the fractions and then multiply the denominators to get the result.

For example: $\frac{1}{5} \times \frac{3}{4} = \frac{1 \times 3}{5 \times 4} = \frac{3}{20}$

To multiply a fraction with a whole number, first rewrite the whole number as a fraction by placing a one under it i.e in its denominator. Next multiply the numerators and denominators to get the result.

For example: $\frac{1}{5} \times 3 = \frac{1}{5} \times \frac{3}{1} = \frac{1 \times 3}{5 \times 1} = \frac{3}{5}$

Dividing Fractions

To divide two fractions, multiply the reciprocal of the divisor fraction by the dividend fraction to get the result.

For example: $\frac{1}{3} \div \frac{2}{5} = \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{5}{2} = \frac{1 \times 5}{3 \times 2} = \frac{5}{6}$

To divide a fraction with a whole number, first rewrite the whole number as a fraction by placing a one under it i.e in its denominator. Next divide both the fractions.

For example: $\frac{1}{3} \div 5 = \frac{1}{3} \div \frac{5}{1} = \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{5} = \frac{1 \times 1}{3 \times 5} = \frac{1}{15}$