

Pre-Algebra
Worksheet 5: Fractions III: Answers

$$(1) \quad \frac{3}{5} \times \frac{3}{4} = \frac{3 \times 3}{5 \times 4} = \frac{9}{20}$$

$$(2) \quad \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{5}{16} = \frac{5}{32}$$

$$(3) \quad -\frac{4}{3} \times \frac{5}{8} = -\frac{20}{24} = -\frac{5}{6}$$

$$(4) \quad \frac{14}{6} \times \left(-\frac{5}{16}\right) = -\frac{14 \times 5}{6 \times 16} = -\frac{70}{96} = -\frac{35}{48}$$

$$(5) \quad -4\frac{4}{6} \times \left(2\frac{2}{3}\right) = -\frac{6 \times 4 + 4}{6} \times \frac{3 \times 2 + 2}{3} = -\frac{28}{6} \times \frac{8}{3} = -\frac{28 \times 8}{6 \times 3} = -\frac{204}{18} = -\frac{102}{9} = -\frac{34}{3}$$

$$(6) \frac{1}{2} \quad (7) -\frac{3}{8} \quad (8) 3 \quad (9) -\frac{5}{12} \quad (10) -\frac{3}{8} \quad (11) 8 \quad (12) 3\frac{5}{21}$$

Solve the following equations for x and check your answers.

(13)

$$\begin{aligned} 4x &= \frac{3}{4} \\ 4x \times \frac{1}{4} &= \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{1}{4} \\ x &= \frac{3}{16} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{check } 4 \times \frac{3}{16} = \frac{3 \times 4}{16} = \frac{3}{4}$$

(14)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{4}{5}x &= 5 \\ \frac{5}{4} \times \frac{4}{5}x &= 5 \times \frac{5}{4} \\ x &= \frac{25}{4} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{check } \frac{4}{5} \times \frac{25}{4} = \frac{4 \times 25}{5 \times 4} = 5$$

(15)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2}{3}x &= -6 \\ x &= -6 \frac{3}{2} = -\frac{18}{2} = -9 \end{aligned}$$

(16) You multiply the weight of your turkey by the time per pound.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{time} &= 10 \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{4} \\ &= \frac{21}{2} \times \frac{3}{4} \\ &= \frac{63}{8} = 7 \frac{7}{8} \text{ hours} \end{aligned}$$

(17) Multiply the number of section by the length of each section.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{length} &= 6 \frac{1}{2} \times 8 \\ &= \frac{13}{2} \times \frac{8}{1} \\ &= \frac{104}{2} = 52 \text{ feet} \end{aligned}$$

(18) Divide the distance by the rate.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{time} &= \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{2 \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{\frac{5}{2}} = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{2}{5} \\ \text{time} &= \frac{2}{10} = \frac{1}{5} \text{ hour} \end{aligned}$$

(19) 75% is the same as 75/100 or 3/4. This means 1/4 or 25% of apples were left. So multiply the fraction left by the number of pounds of apples. Mmm...apple pie.

$$\begin{aligned} 3 \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{4} &= \frac{7}{2} \times \frac{1}{4} \\ &= \frac{7}{8} = 1 \frac{1}{8} \text{ pounds} \end{aligned}$$

(20) One quarter of the regular price is \$8.00. Set up an equation with the unknown being the regular price of the sweater.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{4}x &= 8 \\ x &= 8 \times 4 \\ x &= \$32 \end{aligned}$$