

Make it Work! Adding Fractions with Unlike Denominators

Name: _____

Complete the problems by finding the least common denominator. Then, add the fractions.
Be sure to show your work and simplify your answers as mixed numbers.

1. $\frac{5}{9} + \frac{1}{2}$ **$1 \frac{1}{18}$**

Step 1: Find LCD of denominators (circle it when you find it)

2 - 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, **18**, 20

9 - 9, **18**, 27

Step 2: Write your new fraction with the common denominators. Remember, multiply the numerator by the same number you multiplied the denominator by.

$$\frac{10}{18} + \frac{9}{18}$$

Step 3: Add the numerators. Put that answer over the common denominator.

$$\frac{19}{18}$$

Step 4: Convert the improper fraction into a mixed number.

2. $\frac{5}{6} + \frac{2}{3}$ **$1 \frac{1}{2}$**

3. $\frac{3}{5} + \frac{3}{4}$ **$1 \frac{7}{20}$**

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4. $1\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{4}$ **$1\frac{1}{4}$**

5. $\frac{5}{8} + \frac{2}{3}$ **$1\frac{7}{24}$**

6. $\frac{2}{3} + \frac{3}{5}$ **$1\frac{4}{15}$**

7. $1\frac{1}{2} + \frac{4}{5}$ **$1\frac{3}{10}$**

8. $\frac{6}{7} + \frac{1}{2}$ **$1\frac{5}{14}$**