

Skills Practice

ANSWERS

SUBTRACTING MIXED FRACTIONS

Practice your fraction arithmetic skills by subtracting the following mixed fractions. Be sure to show your work and simplify your answers.



$$6\frac{1}{3} - 2\frac{4}{5} = \underline{3\frac{8}{15}}$$

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Annotations: $\frac{1}{3} \rightarrow 19$, $\frac{4}{5} \rightarrow 14$, $\frac{1}{3} \times 3 = 19$, $\frac{4}{5} \times 5 = 14$

Rewrite as improper fractions

$$\frac{19}{3} - \frac{14}{5}$$

Annotations: $\frac{19}{3} \times 5 = \frac{95}{15}$, $\frac{14}{5} \times 3 = \frac{42}{15}$

Find least common denominator

$$\frac{95}{15} - \frac{42}{15} = \frac{53}{15} = 3\frac{8}{15}$$

$$6\frac{3}{7} - 3\frac{1}{2} = \underline{2\frac{13}{14}}$$

$$3\frac{2}{5} - 2\frac{1}{4} = \underline{1\frac{3}{20}}$$

$$5\frac{6}{7} - 1\frac{3}{4} = \underline{4\frac{3}{28}}$$

$$7\frac{1}{6} - 5\frac{2}{3} = \underline{1\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$6\frac{1}{5} - 4\frac{5}{6} = \underline{1\frac{11}{30}}$$

$$7\frac{1}{2} - 3\frac{1}{6} = \underline{4\frac{1}{3}}$$