

# Multiplying Fractions



- When multiplying fractions, you simply multiply across.
- First, you multiply the numerators.
- Next, you multiply the denominators.
- Finally, you reduce the fraction if necessary.

**Example:**  $\frac{4}{5} \times \frac{2}{8} = ?$

multiply numerators  $\frac{4 \times 2}{5 \times 8} = \frac{8}{40} = \frac{1}{5}$  (final answer)  
multiply denominators

Quick  
Reminder

X ← numerator

Y ← denominator

For each problem below, follow the steps used in the example to find your solution.  
Be sure to reduce your fraction to its lowest terms.

1)  $\frac{3}{6} \times \frac{3}{2} = ?$

5)  $\frac{20}{40} \times \frac{2}{2} = ?$

2)  $\frac{4}{7} \times \frac{5}{8} = ?$

6)  $\frac{2}{6} \times \frac{6}{2} = ?$

3)  $\frac{5}{10} \times \frac{2}{1} = ?$

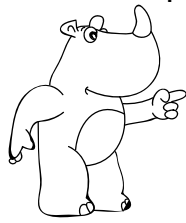
7)  $\frac{5}{25} \times \frac{4}{1} = ?$

4)  $\frac{15}{17} \times \frac{6}{6} = ?$

8)  $\frac{9}{9} \times \frac{1}{1} = ?$

# Multiplying Fractions

Multiplying fractions by a whole number is very similar to multiplying two fractions. Follow the steps below to find out how.



- First, make the whole number a fraction by putting it over 1.
- Second, multiply the top numbers, or the *numerators*.
- Next, multiply the bottom numbers, or the *denominators*.
- Last, simplify your fraction if necessary.

**Example:**  $\frac{2}{3} \times 5 = ?$

make the whole  
number a  
fraction

$$\frac{5}{1}$$

multiply the  
top numbers  
(numerators)

$$2 \times 5 = 10$$

multiply the  
bottom numbers  
(denominators)

$$3 \times 1 = 3$$

write your  
result

$$\frac{10}{3}$$

For each problem below, follow the steps used in the example to find your solution. Be sure to reduce your fraction to its lowest terms.

1)  $3 \times \frac{2}{9} = ?$

5)  $4 \times \frac{3}{15} = ?$

2)  $2 \times \frac{9}{19} = ?$

6)  $6 \times \frac{3}{24} = ?$

3)  $2 \times \frac{2}{5} = ?$

7)  $1 \times \frac{5}{5} = ?$

4)  $5 \times \frac{1}{7} = ?$

8)  $10 \times \frac{1}{16} = ?$