

## Skill Practice



Simplifying Fractions



Simplify the following fractions. Show your work.

$$\frac{12 \div 6}{30 \div 6} = \frac{2}{5}$$
  $\frac{20}{24} = \frac{63}{70} = \frac{63}{70}$ 

$$\frac{5}{15} = \frac{27}{45} = \frac{10}{20} = \frac{10}{20}$$

$$\frac{3}{18} = \frac{18}{27} = \frac{24}{32} = \frac{24}{32}$$

Now that you've got the hang of it, look closely at the following fractions. They do not simplify very well, but they are very close to a simplifiable fraction. For example, 51/100 cannot be simplified, but we know that 50/100 = 1/2. So, 50/100 can be approximated to 1/2. Be sure to show your work.

$$\frac{16}{63} \approx \frac{1}{4}$$

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  $\frac{75}{99} \approx \frac{13}{25} \approx -$ 

$$\approx \frac{16}{64} \stackrel{\div 16}{\div 16} \rightarrow \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\frac{19}{100} \approx ---$$

$$\frac{19}{100} \approx \frac{11}{72} \approx \frac{41}{63} \approx \frac{41}{63}$$

$$\frac{28}{71} \approx \frac{24}{99} \approx \frac{19}{98} \approx \frac{19$$