

Sheet 2: Adding Fractions with Different Denominators

Worked example:

Add $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{6}$ using a common denominator

Answer: To add $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{6}$, we find the common denominator, which is 12. So, $\frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{12}$ and $\frac{1}{6} = \frac{2}{12}$. Then, $\frac{3}{12} + \frac{2}{12} = \frac{5}{12}$

- **Add $\frac{1}{6}$ and $\frac{1}{8}$ using a common denominator**

$$\frac{1}{6} = \frac{?}{24} \quad \frac{1}{8} = \frac{?}{24}$$

- **Add $\frac{2}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{6}$ using a common denominator**

$$\frac{2}{4} = \frac{?}{12} \quad \frac{1}{6} = \frac{?}{12} \quad \frac{2}{4} + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{?}{12}$$

- **Add $\frac{3}{8}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ using a common denominator**

$$\frac{3}{8} = \frac{?}{8} \quad \frac{1}{4} = \frac{?}{8}$$

- **Add $\frac{1}{3}$ and $\frac{2}{5}$ using a common denominator**

$$\frac{1}{3} = \frac{?}{15} \quad \frac{2}{5} = \frac{?}{15}$$

- **Add $\frac{2}{3}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ using a common denominator**

$$\frac{2}{3} = \frac{?}{12} \quad \frac{3}{4} = \frac{?}{12} \quad \frac{2}{3} + \frac{3}{4} = \frac{?}{12}$$

Self-check: Check your answers by making sure the denominators are the same and then adding the numerators

Ready for next: When you can confidently add fractions with different denominators, you're ready to move on to subtracting fractions with different denominators