# **Adding and Subtracting Fractions Homework**

## Literacy

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### Research

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$\frac{2}{3}$	2 ÷ 3	0.666
1		
4		
3		
3 5		
4		
6		

### **Memory**

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$$\frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{2}{14} + \frac{7}{14} = \frac{9}{14}$$

### **Skills**

1) 
$$\frac{2}{9} + \frac{5}{9} =$$

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2) 
$$\frac{7}{12} + \frac{1}{4} =$$

6) 
$$\frac{5}{8} - \frac{3}{10} =$$

3) 
$$\frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{30} =$$

7) 
$$\frac{7}{12} + \frac{3}{8} =$$

4) 
$$\frac{7}{13} + \frac{3}{26} =$$

8) 
$$\frac{19}{20} - \frac{23}{30} =$$

Show ALL your working.

### Stretch

- 1) What is the smallest number which divides by 5 and by 3? (the lowest number that's in the 5 times table and the 3 times table)
- 2) What is the smallest number which divides by 5, 3 and 10?

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1	1 ÷ 4	0.25	
$\frac{\frac{4}{3}}{\frac{5}{5}}$	3 ÷ 5	0.6	
$\frac{4}{6}$	4 ÷ 6	0.666	

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4) 
$$\frac{7}{13} + \frac{3}{26} = \frac{14}{26} + \frac{3}{26} = \frac{17}{26}$$

5) 
$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{5} = \frac{5}{10} + \frac{2}{10} = \frac{7}{10}$$

2) 
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 6)  $\frac{5}{8} - \frac{3}{10} = \frac{25}{40} - \frac{12}{40} = \frac{13}{40}$ 

7) 
$$\frac{7}{12} + \frac{3}{8} = \frac{14}{24} + \frac{9}{24} = \frac{23}{24}$$

8) 
$$\frac{19}{20} - \frac{23}{30} = \frac{57}{60} - \frac{46}{60} = \frac{11}{60}$$

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$$\frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{10} = \frac{6}{30} + \frac{10}{30} + \frac{3}{30} = \frac{19}{30}$$

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