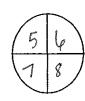
## **Dividing Fractions**





Cut two circles into four equal pieces to show  $2 \div \frac{1}{4}$ .

How many  $\frac{1}{4}$ 's are in 2 whole circles? What is  $2 \div \frac{1}{4}$ ?

How would you model  $3 \div \frac{1}{2}$ ?



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Dividing by  $\frac{1}{2}$  is the same as

Multiplying by 2.

To divide fractions, multiply by the multiplicative inverse or the reciprocal.

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- Keep the first fraction.
- change the sign to "x"
- flip the second fraction.

$$\frac{\frac{4}{5} \cdot \frac{8}{9}}{\frac{4}{5} \times \frac{9}{82}} = \boxed{9}$$

$$\frac{\frac{5}{6} \div \frac{2}{3}}{\frac{5}{2} \times \frac{3}{2}} = \frac{5}{4} + \boxed{4}$$

$$\frac{\frac{5}{6} \div \frac{2}{3}}{2^{1/2}} = \frac{\frac{9}{14} \div \frac{3}{7}}{2^{1/2}}$$

$$\frac{5}{2^{1/2}} \times \frac{3}{2^{1/2}} = \frac{5}{4} = \frac{11}{4}$$

$$\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{3}{7} = \frac{3}{2} = \frac{11}{4}$$

# MUST convert -   

$$12 \div 1\frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{2}$$
 $12 \div \frac{1}{2} = \frac{8}{2} = \frac{8}{2}$ 

\* MUST convert to improper! 
$$3\frac{1}{8} \div 1\frac{1}{5}$$
  $3\frac{1}{8} \div 1\frac{1}{5}$   $3\frac{1}{8} \div 1\frac{1}{8} \div 1\frac{1}{8}$   $3\frac{1}{8} \div 1\frac{1}{8} \div 1\frac{1}{8}$ 

$$2\frac{1}{3} \div 5$$

$$\frac{7}{3} \times \frac{1}{5} = \boxed{7}$$

$$\frac{3}{2} \cdot 1\frac{1}{2} \div 12 = 2$$

$$2 \times \frac{1}{2} \cdot 3 = 2$$

$$\frac{6}{5} - 1\frac{1}{5} \div 3\frac{1}{8} - \frac{25}{8}$$

$$\frac{6}{5} \times \frac{8}{25} = \frac{48}{125}$$

$$5 \div 2\frac{1}{3} = \frac{7}{3}$$

$$\frac{5}{1} \times \frac{3}{7} = \frac{15}{1}$$

## Multiplying and Dividing Word Problems

1. Each DVD storage case is about  $\frac{1}{5}$  inch thick. What will be the height of 12 cases sold together in plastic wrapping? given the ust of 1 - find the cost of many.  $\frac{1}{5} \times \frac{12}{5} = \frac{12}{5} = \boxed{5}$ 

2. The width of a vegetable garden is  $\frac{1}{3}$  times its length. If the length of the garden is  $7\frac{3}{4}$  feet, what is the width?  $7\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{1}{3} = 3\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{3} = 3\frac{1}{12} = 2\frac{1}{12}$ 

3. A recipe to make one batch of blueberry muffins calls for  $4\frac{2}{3}$  cups of flour. How many cups of flour are needed to make 3 batches of blueberry muffins?

4. 5  $\frac{1}{4}$  pounds of cashews will be divided into  $\frac{3}{4}$  pound bags. How many bags can be made?  $\frac{21}{4} = \cancel{3} + \cancel{3}$ 

5. Suppose a small box of cereal contains  $12\frac{2}{3}$  dups of cereal. How many  $1\frac{1}{3}$  cup servings are in the box? NOW many  $1\frac{1}{3}$  Servings can the box be split up into 2 DIVISION  $12\frac{2}{3} \div |\frac{1}{3}| = \frac{38}{3} \times \frac{81}{5} = \frac{38}{15} = \frac{73}{15}$ 

6. Damon has a 15 yard spoon of fabric. He wants to make bookmarks that are  $10\frac{1}{2}$  inches long. How many book marks can he make? \*\*Hint there are 12 inches in a foot and 3 feet in a yard.

 $\frac{15 \times 3l}{1} = \frac{540}{1} \div \frac{21}{2} = \frac{180546}{1} \times \frac{2}{47} = \frac{340513}{7}$ 

7. On Saturday, Lindsay walked  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles in  $1\frac{2}{5}$  hours. What was her walking pace in miles per hour.