

Maths Knowledge Organiser

Key Facts

Fraction	A mathematical expression representing the division of one integer by another. Fractions are written as two numbers separated by a horizontal line .	$\frac{2}{7}$ is a 'proper' fraction. $\frac{9}{4}$ is an 'improper' or 'top-heavy' fraction.
Numerator	The top number of a fraction.	In the fraction $\frac{3}{5}$, 3 is the numerator.
Denominator	The bottom number of a fraction.	In the fraction $\frac{3}{5}$, 5 is the denominator.
Unit Fraction	A fraction where the numerator is one and the denominator is a positive integer.	$\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}$ etc. are examples of unit fractions.
Mixed Number	A number formed of both an integer part and a fraction part .	$3\frac{2}{5}$ is an example of a mixed number.
Simplifying Fractions	Divide the numerator and denominator by the highest common factor .	$\frac{20}{45} = \frac{4}{9}$
Equivalent Fractions	Fractions which represent the same value .	$\frac{2}{5} = \frac{4}{10} = \frac{20}{50} = \frac{60}{150}$ etc.

Using Fractions

Fraction of an Amount	Divide by the bottom , times by the top	Find $\frac{2}{5}$ of £60 $60 \div 5 = 12$ $12 \times 2 = 24$
Multiplying Fractions	Multiply the numerators together and multiply the denominators together.	$\frac{3}{8} \times \frac{2}{9} = \frac{6}{72} = \frac{1}{12}$
Dividing Fractions	'Keep it, Flip it, Change it – KFC' Keep the first fraction the same Flip the second fraction upside down Change the divide to a multiply Multiply by the reciprocal of the second fraction.	$\frac{3}{4} \div \frac{5}{6} = \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{6}{5} = \frac{18}{20} = \frac{9}{10}$