

3.2 Multiply and Divide Rational Numbers

PRACTICE

Multiply. Reduce to simplest form if possible.

1. $\frac{3}{5} \cdot \frac{4}{3} = \frac{12}{15} = \frac{4}{5}$

2. $(\frac{3}{5})(-\frac{1}{4}) = -\frac{3}{20}$

3. $\frac{4}{1} \cdot \frac{2}{3} = \frac{8}{3}$ or $2\frac{2}{3}$

Divide. Reduce to simplest form if possible.

4. $\frac{3}{5} \div \frac{4}{3} = \frac{3}{5} \cdot \frac{3}{4} = \frac{9}{20}$

5. $(\frac{3}{5}) \div (-\frac{1}{4}) = \frac{3}{5} \cdot (-\frac{4}{1}) = -\frac{12}{5}$ or $-2\frac{2}{5}$

6. $-3 \div \frac{4}{3} = -\frac{3}{1} \cdot \frac{3}{4} = -\frac{9}{4}$ or $-2\frac{1}{4}$

Perform the indicated operation. Reduce to simplest form if possible.

7. $\frac{2}{5} \cdot \frac{5}{6} = \frac{10}{30} = \frac{1}{3}$

8. $(-\frac{2}{5})(-\frac{3}{7}) = \frac{6}{35}$

9. $\frac{3}{4} \div \frac{5}{8} = \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{8}{5} = \frac{24}{20} = \frac{6}{5}$ or $1\frac{1}{5}$

10. $(-\frac{2}{5}) \div (\frac{7}{9}) = -\frac{2}{5} \cdot \frac{9}{7} = -\frac{18}{35}$

11. $(\frac{3}{4})(-\frac{1}{4}) = -\frac{3}{16}$

12. $\frac{3}{8} \cdot \frac{5}{1} = \frac{15}{8}$

13. $\frac{1}{2} \div \frac{4}{5} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{5}{4} = \frac{5}{8}$

14. $6 \div (-\frac{1}{4}) = \frac{6}{1} \cdot (-\frac{4}{1}) = -\frac{24}{1} = -24$

15. $\frac{4}{5} \cdot \frac{2}{3} = \frac{8}{15}$

16. $\frac{6}{1} \cdot (-\frac{4}{3}) = -\frac{24}{3} = -8$

17. $(-\frac{7}{8}) \div (-\frac{5}{4}) = -\frac{7}{8} \cdot (-\frac{4}{5}) = \frac{28}{40} = \frac{7}{10}$

18. $(-4) \cdot (\frac{4}{7}) = -\frac{16}{7}$ or $-2\frac{2}{7}$

Perform the indicated operations. Reduce to simplest form if possible.

19. $\frac{3}{5} \cdot \frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{4}{3} = \frac{12}{15} \cdot \frac{4}{3} = \frac{48}{45} = \frac{16}{15}$

20. $(\frac{3}{5})(-\frac{1}{4})(3) = -\frac{3}{20} \cdot \frac{3}{1} = -\frac{9}{20}$

21. $\frac{1}{2}(8)(5) = \frac{8}{2}(5) = 4(5) = 20$

Write a multiplication expression for each situation. Answer the question.

22. Mr. Brust loves $\frac{1}{4}$ pound burgers from McDonalds. He eats 6 of these burgers for dinner. How much burger did he eat?

Expression: $\frac{1}{4}(6)$

Answer: $\frac{6}{4} = \frac{3}{2}$ pounds

23. The temperature increased $\frac{4}{5}$ of a degree per hour for six hours. How many degrees did the temperature raise after six hours?

Expression: $\frac{4}{5}(6)$

Answer: $\frac{24}{5}$ or $4\frac{4}{5}$ degrees

24. Jim was deep sea diving last week. He descends $\frac{3}{4}$ of a meter every minute. How many feet will he descend in 10 minutes?

Expression: $(-\frac{3}{4})(10)$

Answer: $-\frac{30}{4} = -\frac{15}{2}$
or $-7\frac{1}{2}$ meters

Write a division expression for each situation. Answer the question.

25. Mr. Brust wants to share his $\frac{1}{4}$ burger with 2 of his kids. He cuts the burger into 3 equal parts. How much burger does each person get?

Expression: $\frac{1}{4} \div 3$

Answer: $\frac{1}{12}$ burger

26. The temperature fell $\frac{3}{4}$ of a degree over $\frac{2}{3}$ of an hour. What was the average change in temperature per hour?

Expression: $\frac{3}{4} \div \frac{2}{3}$

Answer: $\frac{9}{8}$ or $1\frac{1}{8}$ degrees

27. Max lost 24 pounds in $\frac{4}{5}$ of a month on his new weight-loss plan. What was his average change in weight per month?

Expression: $(-24) \div \frac{4}{5}$

Answer: -30 pounds