



SKILL 4: Adding Mixed Numbers

Just as you can add whole numbers and fractions, you can add mixed numbers.

Example

Find $1\frac{1}{2} + 3\frac{5}{6}$ in simplest form.

The fractions do not have a common denominator.

$$\begin{array}{r} 1\frac{1}{2} \rightarrow \\ + 3\frac{5}{6} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Rewrite the fractions with a common denominator.

$$\begin{array}{r} 1\frac{3}{6} \rightarrow \\ + 3\frac{5}{6} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Add the whole numbers. Add the fractions.

$$\begin{array}{r} 1\frac{3}{6} \rightarrow \\ + 3\frac{5}{6} \\ \hline 4\frac{8}{6} \end{array}$$

Rewrite the improper fraction as a mixed number in simplest form. Add the whole numbers.

$$\begin{array}{r} 1\frac{3}{6} \\ + 3\frac{5}{6} \\ \hline 4\frac{8}{6} = 4 + 1\frac{2}{6} \\ = 4 + 1\frac{1}{3} \\ = 5\frac{1}{3} \end{array}$$

So, $1\frac{1}{2} + 3\frac{5}{6} = 5\frac{1}{3}$.

Guided Practice

Rewrite each number in simplest form.

1. $4\frac{6}{5} = 5\frac{\square}{5}$

2. $12\frac{11}{8} = \square\frac{\square}{8}$

3. $3\frac{6}{4} = 3 + 1\frac{\square}{4} = \square\frac{\square}{\square}$

4. $5\frac{3}{3} = \square$

Add. Write each sum in simplest form.

5. $\begin{array}{r} 8\frac{1}{5} \\ + 1\frac{2}{5} \\ \hline \end{array}$

6. $\begin{array}{r} 2\frac{2}{3} \\ + 3\frac{2}{3} \\ \hline \end{array}$

7. $\begin{array}{r} 1\frac{1}{2} \\ + 1\frac{1}{2} \\ \hline \end{array}$

8. $\begin{array}{r} 3\frac{4}{9} \\ + 4\frac{7}{9} \\ \hline \end{array}$

9. $\begin{array}{r} 4\frac{7}{8} \rightarrow 4\frac{\square}{8} \\ + 2\frac{3}{4} \rightarrow + 2\frac{\square}{8} \\ \hline \end{array}$

$$6\frac{\square}{8} = 7\frac{\square}{8}$$

10. $\begin{array}{r} 1\frac{5}{6} \rightarrow 1\frac{\square}{6} \\ + 3\frac{2}{3} \rightarrow + 3\frac{\square}{6} \\ \hline \end{array}$

$$4\frac{\square}{6} = \square\frac{\square}{\square}$$

SKILL 4: Practice

Add. Write the sum in simplest form.

1.
$$\begin{array}{r} 13\frac{1}{5} \\ + 5\frac{3}{5} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

2.
$$\begin{array}{r} 7\frac{2}{5} \\ + 1\frac{2}{3} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

3.
$$\begin{array}{r} 9\frac{20}{23} \\ + 14 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

4.
$$\begin{array}{r} 6 \\ + 14\frac{1}{2} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

5.
$$\begin{array}{r} 4 \\ + 9\frac{5}{17} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

6.
$$\begin{array}{r} 3\frac{16}{19} \\ + 7 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

7.
$$\begin{array}{r} 10\frac{13}{15} \\ + 4\frac{13}{15} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

8.
$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \\ + 16\frac{5}{19} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

9.
$$\begin{array}{r} 6\frac{1}{7} \\ + 19\frac{2}{5} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

10.
$$\begin{array}{r} 15\frac{1}{2} \\ + 17\frac{1}{7} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

11.
$$\begin{array}{r} 10\frac{1}{4} \\ + 7\frac{3}{4} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

12.
$$\begin{array}{r} 1\frac{4}{5} \\ + 3\frac{5}{6} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

13.
$$\begin{array}{r} 11\frac{10}{11} \\ + 5 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

14.
$$\begin{array}{r} 11\frac{3}{8} \\ + 16\frac{3}{4} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

15.
$$\begin{array}{r} 11\frac{4}{5} \\ + 2\frac{13}{15} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

16.
$$\begin{array}{r} 16\frac{4}{15} \\ + 8\frac{13}{15} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

17. Stephanie used $2\frac{7}{8}$ feet of ribbon to trim a pillowcase and $5\frac{1}{2}$ feet of ribbon to trim a quilt. How much ribbon did she use in all? _____

18. A recipe calls for $1\frac{1}{4}$ cups of cheddar cheese, $1\frac{1}{3}$ cups of Monterey jack cheese, and $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups of mozzarella cheese. How much cheese is used in the recipe? _____



19. Find the sum in simplest form:

$$6\frac{2}{3} + 2\frac{4}{9}$$

A $8\frac{1}{2}$

C $9\frac{1}{9}$

B $8\frac{3}{5}$

D $9\frac{1}{10}$

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20. Kyle used $\frac{3}{5}$ yard of wire to hang one painting and $\frac{1}{4}$ yard of wire to hang another painting. How much wire did Kyle use in all?

F $\frac{1}{5}$ yd

H $\frac{4}{9}$ yd

G $\frac{3}{20}$ yd

J $\frac{17}{20}$ yd

Skill 3