# **SKILL 17:** Writing Equivalent Fractions and Decimals

You can use a fraction or a decimal to express the same number.

# **Example 1**

Write a fraction for 0.35. Express your answer in simplest form.

number of shaded squares  $\rightarrow \frac{35}{100}$ 

$$\frac{35}{100} = \frac{35 \div 5}{100 \div 5} = \frac{7}{20}$$
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# **Example 2**

Write a decimal for  $\frac{3}{5}$ .

You will need to change  $\frac{3}{5}$  to an equivalent fraction with 10 or 100 as the denominator.

$$\frac{3}{5} = \frac{3 \times 2}{5 \times 2} = \frac{6}{10}$$

The picture at the right shows tenths.

6 tenths are shaded.

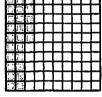
The decimal for the picture is 0.6.  $\frac{3}{5} = \frac{6}{10} = 0.6$ 

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## **Guided Practice**

- Write a fraction for 0.25 in simplest form.
  - a. Write a fraction showing hundredths. \_\_\_\_\_



- **b.** Write the fraction in simplest form. \_
- **c.** 0.25 = \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Write a decimal for  $\frac{11}{20}$ .
  - a. Write the fraction with a denominator of 100.



- b. Write your answer as a decimal.
- **c.**  $\frac{11}{20} =$

### **SKILL 17:** Practice

Write a decimal and a fraction in simplest form for each picture.







Write a fraction in simplest form for each decimal.

Write a decimal for each fraction.

**13.** 
$$\frac{2}{5}$$
 \_\_\_\_\_

14. 
$$\frac{1}{2}$$
 \_\_\_\_\_

**15.** 
$$\frac{9}{20}$$
 \_\_\_\_\_

**16.** 
$$\frac{12}{25}$$
 \_\_\_\_\_

17. 
$$\frac{3}{4}$$
 \_\_\_\_\_

**18.** 
$$\frac{42}{50}$$
 \_\_\_\_\_

19. 
$$\frac{11}{20}$$
 \_\_\_\_\_

**20.** 
$$\frac{7}{25}$$
 \_\_\_\_\_

**21.** 
$$\frac{16}{25}$$
 \_\_\_\_\_

Solve.

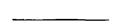
22. A thumb tack is about 0.85 cm long. Write the length of the thumbtack as a fraction in simplest form.



23. Jason has a drill bit that is  $\frac{21}{25}$  cm in diameter. Write the diameter of the drill bit as a decimal.



24. Tonya's caulking gun handle is 0.98 ft long. Write the length of the handle as a fraction in simplest form.





25. What decimal is shown?







- **A** 0.52 **B** 0.25
- C 0.13
- **D** 1.3

- 26. Which set of fractions is in order from least to greatest?
  - **F**  $\frac{2}{3}$ ,  $\frac{3}{5}$ ,  $\frac{7}{10}$  **H**  $\frac{2}{5}$ ,  $\frac{3}{7}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$  **G**  $\frac{8}{9}$ ,  $\frac{2}{3}$ ,  $\frac{1}{6}$  **J**  $\frac{5}{8}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{3}{7}$