

**Exercise**  
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# Adding Unlike Fractions and Mixed Numbers

Unlike fractions have different denominators. Add unlike fractions and mixed numbers by finding a common denominator. Regroup, if needed.

Add.  $\frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{9}$

Rewrite the fractions using the LCD.

$$\frac{1}{3} \rightarrow \frac{3}{9}$$

$$\frac{2}{9} \rightarrow \frac{2}{9}$$

Add the numerators.

$$\frac{3+2}{9} = \frac{5}{9}$$

Add.  $2\frac{1}{3} + 1\frac{3}{4}$

Rewrite the fractions using the LCD.

$$2\frac{1}{3} \rightarrow 2\frac{4}{12}$$

$$1\frac{3}{4} \rightarrow 1\frac{9}{12}$$

Add the whole numbers.

Add the fractions.

Regroup the improper fraction.

$$\begin{array}{r} 2\frac{4}{12} \\ + 1\frac{9}{12} \\ \hline 3\frac{13}{12} = 4\frac{1}{12} \end{array}$$

Add the fractions. Reduce your answer to lowest terms.

1.  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} =$

2.  $\frac{7}{8} + \frac{3}{4} =$

3.  $\frac{5}{6} + \frac{3}{8} =$

4.  $\frac{3}{5} + \frac{6}{7} =$

5.  $\frac{4}{6} + \frac{4}{5} =$

6.  $\frac{4}{10} + \frac{1}{5} =$

7.  $\frac{2}{12} + \frac{1}{9} =$

8.  $\frac{2}{3} + \frac{3}{8} =$

Add the mixed numbers. Reduce your answer to lowest terms.

9.  $\begin{array}{r} 4\frac{1}{3} \\ + 3\frac{3}{4} \\ \hline \end{array}$

10.  $\begin{array}{r} 7\frac{8}{9} \\ + 3\frac{4}{5} \\ \hline \end{array}$

11.  $\begin{array}{r} 12\frac{4}{6} \\ + 5\frac{1}{2} \\ \hline \end{array}$

12.  $\begin{array}{r} 35\frac{9}{10} \\ + 23\frac{1}{2} \\ \hline \end{array}$

13.  $\begin{array}{r} 44\frac{1}{8} \\ + 9\frac{5}{8} \\ \hline \end{array}$

Solve.

14. Clark is buying fabric to make banners for a political event. One banner requires  $5\frac{1}{4}$  yards of fabric. The other requires  $4\frac{7}{8}$  yards of fabric.

How much total fabric does he need to buy? \_\_\_\_\_

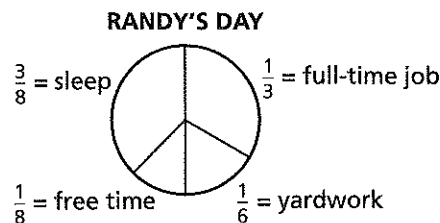
**Directions:** Choose the one best answer to each item. Circle the number of the correct answer.

15. Ron worked for  $1\frac{1}{4}$  hours on Monday, 2 hours on Tuesday, and  $2\frac{1}{2}$  hours on Wednesday. How many total hours did Ron do yardwork in the three days?
- (1) 5 hours
  - (2)  $5\frac{3}{4}$  hours
  - (3)  $3\frac{3}{4}$  hours
  - (4)  $5\frac{2}{6}$  hours
  - (5) 4 hours
16. Sara's report had  $4\frac{7}{8}$  pages of writing and  $2\frac{1}{3}$  pages of diagrams. How long was Sara's total report?
- (1)  $6\frac{8}{11}$  pages
  - (2)  $2\frac{13}{25}$  pages
  - (3)  $7\frac{5}{24}$  pages
  - (4)  $6\frac{8}{24}$  pages
  - (5) none of the above
17. Look at the rainfall totals in the table. What was the total rainfall for this five-day period?

DAY	RAINFALL
Monday	$\frac{1}{4}$ inch
Tuesday	$\frac{1}{2}$ inch
Wednesday	$\frac{7}{8}$ inch
Thursday	$\frac{3}{8}$ inch
Friday	$\frac{3}{4}$ inch

- (1)  $2\frac{3}{4}$  inches
- (2)  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches
- (3) 3 inches
- (4)  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches
- (5) none of the above

**Items 18 through 21** refer to the following.



18. What fraction of Randy's day is spent doing yardwork and sleeping?
- (1)  $\frac{4}{14}$
  - (2)  $\frac{13}{24}$
  - (3)  $\frac{1}{2}$
  - (4)  $\frac{4}{8}$
  - (5)  $\frac{4}{6}$
19. What fraction of the day does Randy spend at his job and doing yardwork?
- (1)  $\frac{2}{9}$
  - (2)  $\frac{2}{3}$
  - (3)  $\frac{2}{6}$
  - (4)  $\frac{1}{2}$
  - (5)  $\frac{4}{5}$
20. What fraction of the day does Randy do everything but enjoy free time?
- (1)  $\frac{8}{8}$
  - (2)  $\frac{7}{8}$
  - (3)  $\frac{9}{24}$
  - (4)  $\frac{8}{24}$
  - (5)  $\frac{4}{24}$
21. What fraction of the day does Randy spend sleeping and enjoying free time?
- (1)  $\frac{5}{8}$
  - (2)  $\frac{2}{8}$
  - (3)  $\frac{1}{4}$
  - (4)  $\frac{1}{2}$
  - (5)  $\frac{1}{3}$