

# Add and subtract fractions



1 Complete the calculations.  
Use the bar models to help you.

a)  $\frac{4}{5} + \frac{3}{5} = \frac{7}{5} = 1\frac{2}{5}$

b)  $\frac{6}{5} + \frac{3}{5} = \frac{9}{5} = 1\frac{4}{5}$

c)  $\frac{8}{5} - \frac{6}{5} = \frac{2}{5}$

d)  $\frac{9}{5} - \frac{3}{5} = \frac{6}{5} = 1\frac{1}{5}$

2 Complete the calculations.

- a)  $\frac{4}{7} + \frac{2}{7} = \frac{6}{7}$
- b)  $\frac{4}{7} + \frac{3}{7} = \frac{7}{7} = 1$
- c)  $\frac{4}{7} + \frac{4}{7} = \frac{8}{7} = 1\frac{1}{7}$
- d)  $\frac{8}{7} - \frac{3}{7} = \frac{5}{7}$
- e)  $\frac{7}{9} + \frac{8}{9} = \frac{15}{9} = 1\frac{2}{3}$
- f)  $\frac{17}{9} - \frac{8}{9} = \frac{9}{9} = 1$
- g)  $\frac{16}{9} - \frac{8}{9} = \frac{8}{9}$
- h)  $\frac{7}{9} + \frac{2}{9} + \frac{8}{9} = \frac{17}{9} = 1\frac{8}{9}$
- i)  $\frac{7}{15} + \frac{2}{15} + \frac{8}{15} = \frac{17}{15} = 1\frac{2}{15}$
- j)  $\frac{7}{15} - \frac{2}{15} + \frac{8}{15} = \frac{13}{15}$

3  $\frac{\square}{8} + \frac{\square}{8} = \frac{13}{8}$

What could the missing numerators be?

Give six different possibilities.

e.g.

- $\frac{1}{8} + \frac{12}{8} = \frac{13}{8}$
- $\frac{4}{8} + \frac{9}{8} = \frac{13}{8}$
- $\frac{2}{8} + \frac{11}{8} = \frac{13}{8}$
- $\frac{5}{8} + \frac{8}{8} = \frac{13}{8}$
- $\frac{3}{8} + \frac{10}{8} = \frac{13}{8}$
- $\frac{7}{8} + \frac{6}{8} = \frac{13}{8}$

4 Dora has  $2\frac{3}{8}$  litres of juice.

She pours out  $\frac{9}{8}$  litres of juice.

How many litres of juice does she have left?

Dora has  $1\frac{1}{4}$  litres left.

5 Fill in the missing numerators.

a)  $\frac{3}{8} + \frac{10}{8} = \frac{13}{8}$

g)  $\frac{4}{7} + \frac{6}{7} + \frac{4}{7} = 2$

b)  $\frac{13}{8} - \frac{6}{8} = \frac{7}{8}$

h)  $\frac{5}{7} + \frac{4}{7} + \frac{5}{7} = 2$

c)  $\frac{13}{8} - \frac{5}{8} = 1$

i)  $\frac{6}{7} + \frac{2}{7} + \frac{6}{7} = 2$

d)  $\frac{11}{9} + \frac{11}{9} = \frac{22}{9} = 2\frac{4}{9}$

j)  $\frac{14}{7} + \frac{3}{7} + \frac{4}{7} = 3$

e)  $\frac{11}{9} + \frac{9}{9} = \frac{20}{9} = 2\frac{2}{9}$

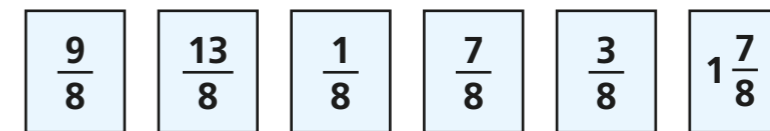
k)  $\frac{15}{7} + \frac{1}{7} + \frac{5}{7} = 3$

f)  $\frac{22}{9} - \frac{2}{9} = \frac{20}{9} = 2\frac{2}{9}$

l)  $\frac{16}{7} + \frac{6}{7} + \frac{6}{7} = 4$

Compare answers with a partner. What do you notice?

6 Here are some fraction cards.



Use the cards to write pairs of fractions with a total of 2

$1\frac{7}{8} + \frac{1}{8} = 2$

$\frac{13}{8} + \frac{3}{8} = 2$

$\frac{9}{8} + \frac{7}{8} = 2$

7 Annie and Dexter both have a skipping rope.

Annie's rope is  $\frac{3}{4}$  m shorter than Dexter's rope.

The ropes are  $\frac{13}{4}$  m altogether.

How long is each skipping rope?

Annie's rope is  $1\frac{1}{4}$  m long. Dexter's rope is 2 m long.

