

Integer Division Quest

Divide integers and write each quotient as a rational number.

GRADE 7 • 7.NR.1.7

7.NR.1.7 "Show and explain that integers can be divided, assuming the divisor is not zero, and every quotient of integers is a rational number."

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DIVISION MAKES RATIONAL NUMBERS

You can divide any integer by any nonzero integer. The quotient is rational because it can be written as a fraction with integers in the numerator and denominator. When dividing signed numbers, matching signs give a positive quotient and different signs give a negative quotient.

WORKED EXAMPLE

Find $-20 \div 5$.

1. The signs are different, so the quotient is negative.
2. Divide the absolute values: $20 \div 5 = 4$.
3. Attach the negative sign: $-20 \div 5 = -4$.

Answer: -4

PRACTICE 6 problems

1 Find $42 \div -6$.

ANSWER _____

2 Find $-45 \div -15$.

ANSWER _____

3 Find $7 \div 12$. Write the fraction in simplest form.

ANSWER _____

4 Find $-11 \div 8$. Write the fraction in simplest form.

ANSWER _____

5 Find $0 \div -13$.

ANSWER _____

6 Find $27 \div -9$.

ANSWER _____

APPLY IT Show your work

- 1** In an online tournament, a player's score changes by -72 points over 8 rounds at the same rate. What is the score change per round?

WORK SPACE

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- 2** A student splits 13 GB of video clips equally among 3 folders. How many GB of clips are in each folder?

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CHALLENGE One step up

CHALLENGE

Without using decimals, find $-32 / 12$ in simplest form. Then explain in one sentence why your answer is rational.

PART 1 • PRACTICE

#	PROBLEM	ANSWER
1	Find $42 \div -6$.	-7
2	Find $-45 \div -15$.	3
3	Find $7 \div 12$. Write the fraction in simplest form.	$7/12$
4	Find $-11 \div 8$. Write the fraction in simplest form.	$-11/8$
5	Find $0 \div -13$.	0
6	Find $27 \div -9$.	-3

PART 2 • APPLY IT

1. **-9 points per round** Divide the total score change by the number of rounds: $-72 \div 8 = -9$. The negative quotient shows the player loses 9 points each round.
2. **$13/3$ GB** Divide the total storage by the number of folders: $13 \div 3 = 13/3$. This rational number is already in simplest form.

CHALLENGE

$-8/3$; it is rational because it is a ratio of integers, -8 and 3, and 3 is not zero.

Accept equivalent fraction forms only if students simplify them when the prompt asks for simplest form. For the challenge, accept explanations that state the quotient is a ratio of integers with a nonzero denominator.