

Fraction Split Lab

Break one fraction into equal-denominator sums.

GRADE 4 • TEKS 4.3.B

4.3.B "decompose a fraction in more than one way into a sum of fractions with the same denominator using concrete and pictorial models and recording results with symbolic representations;"

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SPLIT THE NUMERATOR

Keep the denominator the same because the parts stay the same size. Split the numerator into two or more addends that equal the original numerator.

WORKED EXAMPLE

Use the bar to decompose $7/12$ into two fractions. One part is $3/12$.



1. The shaded amount has 7 parts.
2. Use 3 parts for the first fraction.
3. $7 - 3 = 4$ parts remain.
4. Write $7/12 = 3/12 + 4/12$.

Answer: $7/12 = 3/12 + 4/12$

PRACTICE 4 problems

1 Complete: $6/8 = 1/8 + \underline{\hspace{1cm}}/8$

ANSWER _____

2 Complete: $9/10 = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}/10 + 8/10$

ANSWER _____

3 Complete: $\underline{\hspace{1cm}}/6 + 2/6 = 5/6$

ANSWER _____

4 Write $8/9$ as two different sums. Use two nonzero fractions in each sum.

ANSWER _____

APPLY IT Show your work

- 1** Maya finished $\frac{6}{8}$ of a game design tutorial, shown by the bar. Write two ways to split the finished part into two nonzero fractions.

Finished



ANSWER _____

- 2** At art club, $\frac{8}{10}$ of a mural is painted. Write two ways to split the painted part between two scenes.

WORK SPACE

ANSWER _____

CHALLENGE One step up

Decompose $\frac{9}{13}$ into three nonzero fractions in two different ways. Do not use $\frac{1}{13}$.

WORK SPACE AND ANSWER

PART 1 • PRACTICE

#	PROBLEM	ANSWER
1	Complete: $\frac{6}{8} = \frac{1}{8} + \frac{\quad}{8}$	$\frac{5}{8}$
2	Complete: $\frac{9}{10} = \frac{\quad}{10} + \frac{8}{10}$	$\frac{1}{10}$
3	Complete: $\frac{\quad}{6} + \frac{2}{6} = \frac{5}{6}$	$\frac{3}{6}$
4	Write $\frac{8}{9}$ as two different sums. Use two nonzero fractions in each sum.	$\frac{8}{9} = \frac{1}{9} + \frac{7}{9}$; $\frac{8}{9} = \frac{2}{9} + \frac{6}{9}$

PART 2 • APPLY IT

- $\frac{6}{8} = \frac{1}{8} + \frac{5}{8}$; $\frac{6}{8} = \frac{2}{8} + \frac{4}{8}$** Keep eighths as the denominator. Choose two different pairs of numerators that add to 6.
- $\frac{8}{10} = \frac{1}{10} + \frac{7}{10}$; $\frac{8}{10} = \frac{3}{10} + \frac{5}{10}$** Both fractions in each sum must have denominator 10. Their numerators must add to 8.

CHALLENGE

$\frac{9}{13} = \frac{2}{13} + \frac{2}{13} + \frac{5}{13}$; $\frac{9}{13} = \frac{3}{13} + \frac{3}{13} + \frac{3}{13}$

Accept other correct decompositions when all denominators match and the numerators add to the original numerator. For the challenge, each addend must be nonzero, no addend may be $\frac{1}{13}$, and the two sums must differ.