

Adding and Subtracting Fractions with Like Denominators

Example 1

$$\begin{array}{r} \frac{1}{9} \\ + \frac{2}{9} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

The denominators are the same, so you can add the numerators.

$$\frac{3}{9} = \frac{1}{3} \quad \text{Rewrite } \frac{3}{9} \text{ as } \frac{1}{3}$$

Example 2

$$\begin{array}{r} \frac{6}{18} \\ + \frac{6}{18} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\frac{12}{18} = \frac{6}{9} = \frac{2}{3}$$

Write $\frac{12}{18}$ in simplest form.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \div 6 & & \div 6 \\ \frac{12}{18} & = & \frac{2}{3} \end{array}$$

Add or subtract fractions, and write answers in simplest form.

1. $\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4}$

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

3. $\frac{5}{14} - \frac{3}{14}$

4. $\frac{1}{11} + \frac{3}{11}$

5. $\frac{17}{22} - \frac{5}{22}$

6. $\frac{1}{6} + \frac{2}{6}$

7. $\frac{9}{10} - \frac{4}{10}$

8. $\frac{11}{16} - \frac{7}{16}$

9. $\frac{3}{12} + \frac{6}{12}$

10. $\frac{1}{25} + \frac{4}{25}$

11. At lunch, Alice ate $\frac{3}{8}$ of her sandwich. Later, for a snack, she ate another $\frac{3}{8}$ of the sandwich. How much of the sandwich did Alice eat?
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